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オジサンの俳優がスキです。
中学の頃からスキです。
女優さんも大好きですが、
少年誌で描いてるので
前の連載ではオジサン出すの
控えめにしていました。
その反動なのか、なんなのか　。
気が付いたら2巻は
オッサンばかりに　。
途中でちょっとビックリしました。
少しムサイです。
バランスは大事です。
やっぱり女子のほうがスキです。

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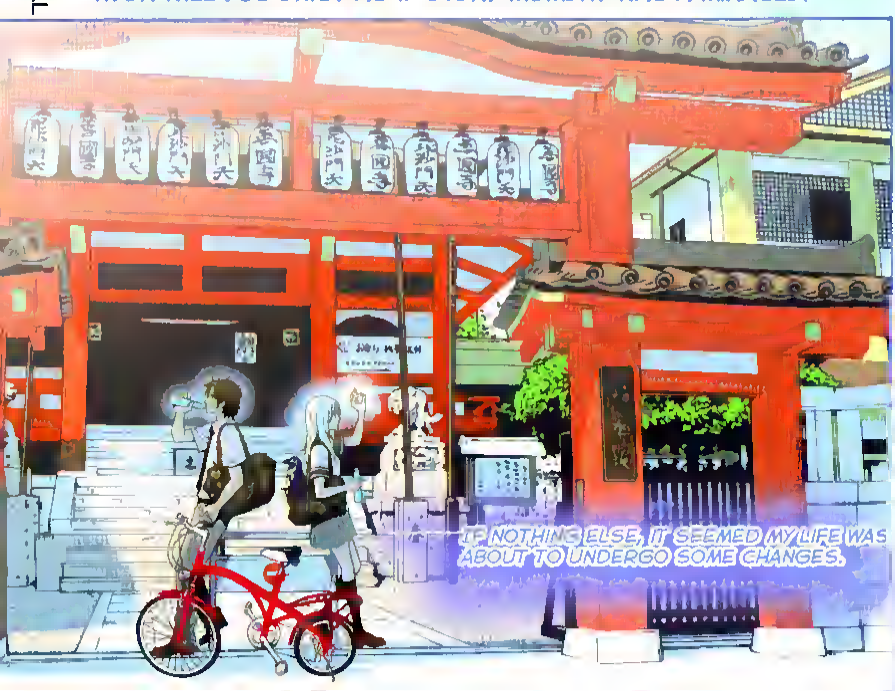
WILL YOU EXIST WITHOUT EVER CALLING UPON ANY MIRACLES AT ALL...

...OR WILL YOU EXIST AS IF EVERY MOMENT WAS A MIRACLE?



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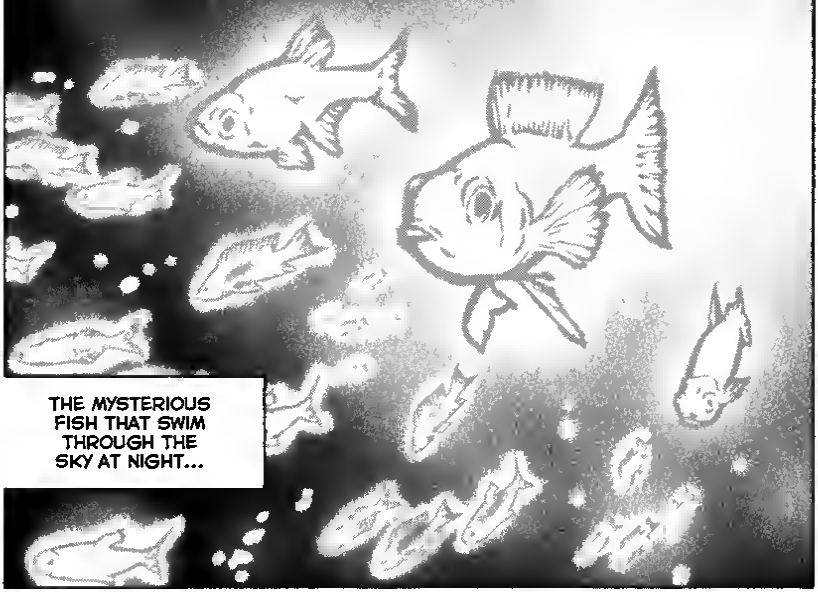
THE MYSTERIOUS FISH THAT SWIM THROUGH THE SKY AT NIGHT...

AWAKENING THE SLEEPING ABILITIES IN THOSE THEY TOUCH.
Psychometry

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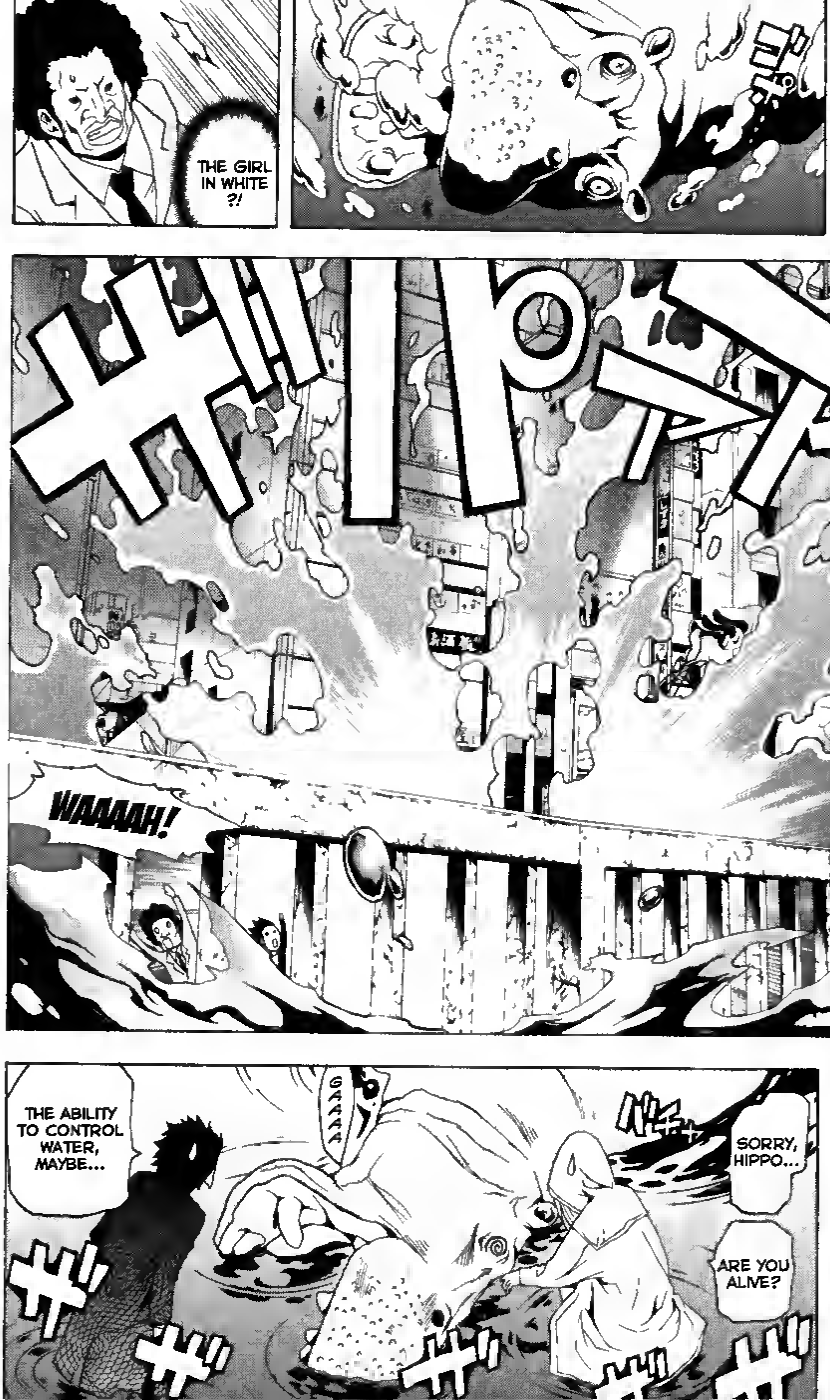
...OR A HIPPO AT THE LOCAL ZOO.

NO MATTER IF THEY'RE A CRIMINAL...

BYUG!
WAH!
THIS IS...
THE WATER THAT SPILLED OUT FROM THE POOL AT THE UENO ZOO...
...HAS FORMED ITSELF INTO A SORT OF JELLO-LIKE SOLID...
.. AND IS SWALLOWING UP EVERY-THING IN THE VICINITY OF THE STATION!
!!
THERE'S A HIPPO IN THE MIDDLE ...
IT'S LIKE SOME KIND OF FLOOD!

SKULL
SMASHING
PSY-KICK
!!!


THE GIRL IN WHITE ?!
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WAAAAH!
THE ABILITY TO CONTROL WATER, MAYBE...
GAAAA
ハッ
SORRY, HIPPO...
ARE YOU ALIVE?

AND THE ONES...
...WHO STOOD UP AGAINST THE MENACE...
WAIT ..!
...AND SAVED THE CITY...
WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE CITY LATELY?!
WHO ARE YOU GUYS...
.....
COMMON SENSE CRUMBLES AWAY...
...AND THE WORLD OF HUMANS BEGINS TO TRANSFORM...
HOW-EVER...

AS LONG AS WE ARE AROUND...
...WE WILL PROTECT THIS CITY'S JUSTICE AND PEACE, UNTIL THE BITTER END!!
HOWEVER, IT'S PRETTY EMBARRASSING...
...JUST BEING AROUND THIS PERSON.

THEY VANISHED!!
BUT THERE ARE CAMERAS!
AWWW, WHY?
.....
THAT'S ENOUGH, LET'S GO!
THIS CROW HEAD, AND ALSO ...

SPECIAL: "SELF-PROCLAIMED PROTECTORS OF JUSTICE".
THE MYSTERY MAN NAMED CROW HEAD ANDTHE MYSTERIOUS GIRL IN WHITE!!
特集
"自称正義の使者"
怪人クロウヘッドと
謎の白い少女!!
怪事件との関係は!?
GOOD NEWS
THE SUCCESSION OF STRANGE EVENTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS..
...AS WELL AS THE MYSTERIOUS PAIR OBSERVED AT THE SCENE...
HOW ARE THEY RELATED TO THE RECENT ACCIDENTS?!
AAAAA-AAAH!!
OUR...
OUR RICE IS ALL GONE!

...ISN'T YOU... RIGHT?
BUT, UH... THIS GIRL IN WHITE...
KWEH
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO... IT'LL BE AWHILE BEFORE I'M PAID AGAIN TOO...
SHE WAS SUPER STRONG...
LIKE SUPER-MAN!
SHE FLEW IN FROM THE SKY...
...AND SAVED US FROM THE THIEVES!
HUH?
...IS STILL UNDER SUSPECT FOR THE PHANTOM THIEF INCIDENTS...
HOWEVER, NER ASSUMED PARTNER, THE MASKED MAN...
...BUT I OWE NER EVERYTHING, SHE SAVED MY LIFE.
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT DEFENDERS OF JUSTICE OR ANY OF THAT..

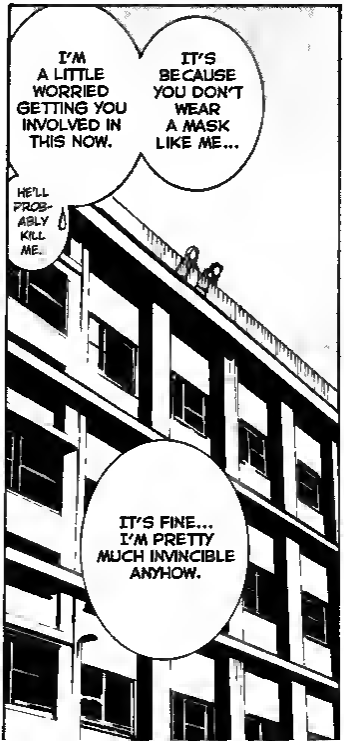
WELL...
IT'S NOT LIKE...
...I'M DOING ANYTHING BAD, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT...
STOP IT! DON'T DO DANGEROUS THINGS LIKE THAT!!
AND WHO'S THIS MASKED GUY?!
OH, WHAT'S IT MATTER...
FORGET THAT! GET A JOB, AND BUY US SOME RICE ALREADY!
PEGI!

WELL ...
I GUESS YOU COULDN'T EXPECT HIM *NOT* TO WORRY ...
HMMM...

.....

NOT THAT THAT'S A BAD THING
I FEEL LIKE IT'S GOING A LITTLE TOO SMOOTHLY THOUGH...

...THERE ARE RISKS TO EVERY-THING...
BUT NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY...


I'M A LITTLE WORRIED GETTING YOU INVOLVED IN THIS NOW.
IT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T WEAR A MASK LIKE ME...
HE'LL PROBABLY KILL ME...
IT'S FINE... I'M PRETTY MUCH INVINCIBLE ANYHOW.

CLACK
THE EDOYAMA GROUP?
AREN'T THEY JUST A BUNCH OF YAKUZA SPREAD OUT 'ROUND TOKYO?
WE'RE GOING TO GIVE OUR RESPECTS TO THE BOSS OF THAT GROUP...
BETTER WATCH THAT TONE OF YOURS.
HEH!
TALKING ALL BIG ABOUT YOUR ORGANIZATION OR WHATEVER ...
IN THE END YOU TURN OUT TO BE JUST SOME LOWLY YAZUKA DOGS.
THAT ENDS TODAY...

WASTE OF TIME...
SHE'S THE ONLY ONE I WANT.
MY STOMACH IS SO EMPTY IT HURTS...
LET ME TREAT YOU TO SOME-THING.
I'M FINE... I'M USED TO IT...
UGH...
SFX: GRUMBLE.

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TAP WATER
I'LL DILUTE MY STOMACH ACID WITH SOME WATER ...
PEN
MAYBE HUNGER WILL BE THIS HERO'S ARCHENEMY.
BUT IT'S SO COOL.
TV REPORTERS CAN'T SEEM TO GET ENOUGH OF THE MYSTERIOUS MAN AND THE GIRL IN WHITE.
YOU THINK SO?
RINKA, THIS PHASING THING OF YOURS...
...CAN YOU REALLY GO THROUGH ANYTHING?

BUT I SHOULD BE ABLE TO...
IT KINDA DEPENDS ON HOW I'M FEELING...
HM?
I GUESS ...
WATCH OUT, IT'S HER!
AH!
RUN!
YOUR FRIEN-DS?
THOSE GUYS ...
HAHA!
NO NO, I'LL TAKE YOU HOME.
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO KNOW WHERE IT IS ANYHOW.
THANKS FOR BRINGING PEGGI WITH YOU TODAY!
KWEH
IT'S NOT FAR TO MY HOUSE FROM HERE, I CAN MAKE IT ON MY OWN.
NOT REALLY ...
THEY JUST LIVE NEAR ME.

!?

WELCOME HOME YOUNG MISS!
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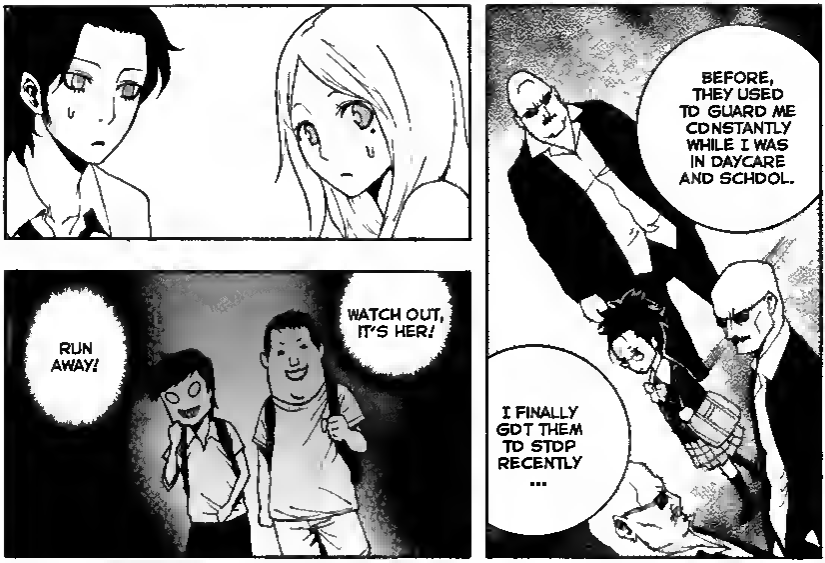
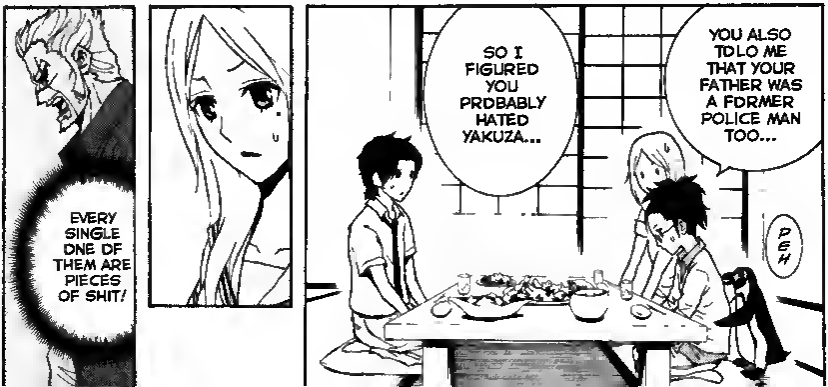
OH, ISN'T THIS A SIGHT! BRINGING FRIENDS OVER, MURASAKI?
STEP ON IN!

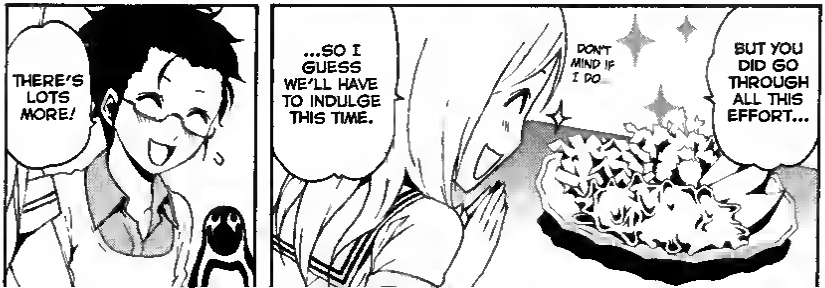
PILLAR : EDOYAMA.


BEFORE, THEY USED TO GUARD ME CONSTANTLY WHILE I WAS IN DAYCARE AND SCHOOL.
I FINALLY GOT THEM TO STOP RECENTLY ...
WATCH OUT, IT'S HER!
RUN AWAY!

BUT IT WAS FROM GOING THROUGH ALL THAT...
I THOUGHT SHE WAS A LITTLE TOO MATURE FOR HER AGE...
SO THAT WAS IT...


EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM ARE PIECES OF SHIT!
SO I FIGURED YOU PROBABLY HATED YAKUZA...
YOU ALSO TOLD ME THAT YOUR FATHER WAS A FORMER POLICE MAN TOO...
PSH

WE'RE US...
OUR PARENTS ...
...HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US.
...AND THAT'S ALL.


THERE'S LOTS MORE!
...SO I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO INDULGE THIS TIME.
DON'T MIND IF I DO.
BUT YOU DID GO THROUGH ALL THIS EFFORT...

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YAAAY!
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IT'S BEEN TOO LONG ...
BOSS EDOYAMA.
HM.
I BELIEVE YOUR NAME WAS HOTOKEDA.
I'M NOT SURE WHAT YOUR INTENTION IS COMING HERE AT THIS HOUR...
...BUT SPIT IT OUT, WHATEVER IT IS.
HEH ...

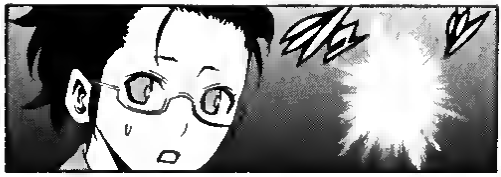
THE TRUTH IS...
...I WAS THINKING PERHAPS...
...YOU'D HAND OVER THE ENTIRE EASTERN BRANCH TO US.

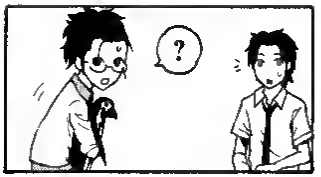
THE TOILET. NOW SHUT UP.
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU...
BOR-ING...
WHAT ?!

SIGH
HEY!
WHERE'S THE TOILET?
HUH ?!
UGH ...
WHY DO I HAVE TO TAG ALONG FOR THIS DISPUTE OR WHATEVER...
MURASAKI, WHERE'S YOUR BATH-ROOM?
HM?

AAAAAAAAAH!!!

WH..!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

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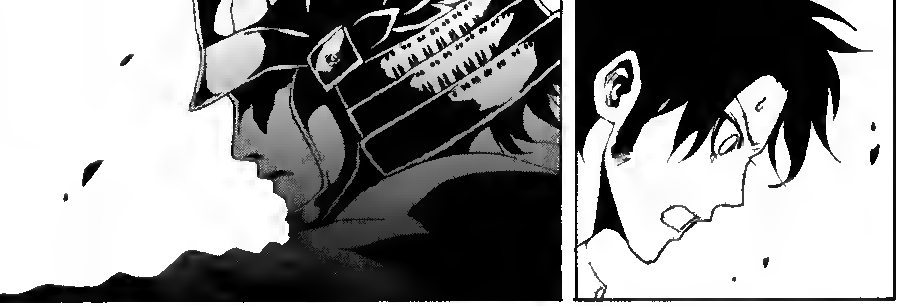
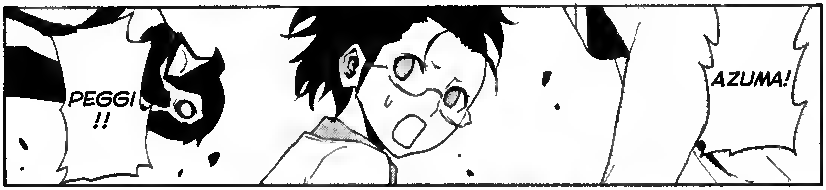
RINKA!
MURASAKI?!

UGH!
WHAT A COIN-CIDENCE, RIGHT WHITEY?
WAI...
...FATE TO ME!
FEELS LIKE...

SLAM
WHAT'S THAT?!
AH~ MUST BE ONE OF MINE.
WHAT?
IT'S JUST A LITTLE TELEPORT KIDNAPPING.
!!

SHIT...
PEGI?




PEGGI !!
AZUMA!

PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CALL FOR AN EMERGENCY MEETING...

BECAUSE UNTIL YOU MEET OUR DEMANDS ...
WE WON'T ...
... BE GIVING BACK OUR LITTLE HOSTAGE.

GWAH!
HEHE!
I KNEW IT!
I THOUGHT MY PUNCHES GOT THROUGH BEFORE.
WHY...
WHY CAN'T I PASS THROUGH HER PUNCHES?
IT CAN'T BE...
BUT THAT ABILITY OF YOURS...
HELL IF I KNOW WHY...

...DOESN'T LET YOU PASS THROUGH PEOPLE!
!!
WELL, I NEVER REALLY TRIED TO PASS THROUGH SOMEONE BEFORE ...
REALLY?
WHAT...

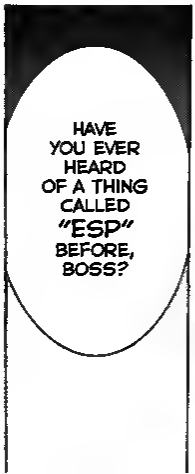
AND TO THINK YOU MADE ME GO INVISIBLE BEFORE...
YOU NEVER REALIZED?
WHY THE LONG FACE?
HAHA!
MY LEG...
UGH...

ACTING SO COCKY BEFORE.
I'LL GIVE YOU DOUBLE WHAT YOU GAVE ME!
SO YOU'LL STOP SPOUTING OFF ABOUT JUSTICE OR WHATEVER IT WAS...
THIS 'KUROI KOBUSHI' WILL...

...BREAK THAT SPIRIT OF YOURS...
...DOWN TO IT'S VERY CORE!

JUSTICE... LAWS...
NOTHING BUT A SELFISH SYSTEM YOU WEAK BASTARDS SET UP...
...SO YOU COULD SURVIVE.
BUT NOW THAT I'VE TRANSCENDED PAST THAT OF YOU HUMANS...
THOSE RULES DON'T APPLY TO ME ANY-MORE.

HEH.
AGH...
HOTO-KEDA, YOU FUCKER...!
GAH!


HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF A THING CALLED "ESP" BEFORE, BOSS?

HEH HEH... THAT WON'T WORK. THEY'LL JUST RICOCHET.
W-WHAT ?!
KUH ..!

!
GWAH!

WELL, THANKS TO IT, I'VE PRETTY MUCH BECOME SUPERMAN.
BAST-ARD!
NWAH !!
I'VE REALLY COME TO LIKE IT LATELY.
NO MATTER HOW HARD YOU TRY I WON'T DIE..
EEE!
...EVEN AN ARMY DOESN'T MAKE ME FLINCH.
WITH THIS KIND OF POWER...

IF YOU HAND OVER THE GROUP TO ME...
.....
...I'LL LET YOU HAVE SOME OF THIS "ESP" TOO...
...FOR EX, ABOUT 1 BILLION YEN!

BUT WE'RE STILL ONE PART OF THIS TINY WORLD OF OURS.
WE MAY BE YAKUZA ...

THERE'S ALSO...
THINK IT OVER.
...YOUR DAUGHTER TO CONSIDER.

UGH...
I USED THE BACK OF MY SWORD. YOUR LIFE REMAINS YOURS FOR NOW...
ZUM
REMOVE YOURSELF FROM THESE ORDEALS AZUMA KYOUTAROU
!
.....
THAT GUY... HOW DID HE KNOW MY NAME...

I SHOULD FIND SOME WORK.
NOW THAT I'VE GOTTEN A HANDLE ON THIS POWER ...
AAHH- SO HUNGRY ...
WE'RE HOME!
WAKE UP ALREADY.
URUSHIBA RINKA... IS IT?
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SO TAKE A GOOD, LONG LAST LOOK AT IT.
.....

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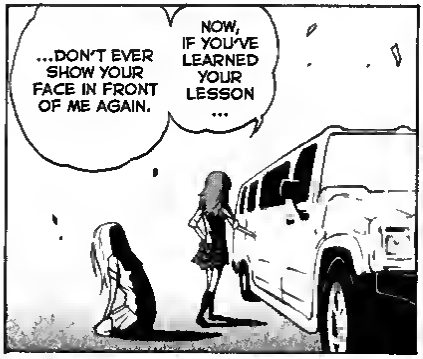
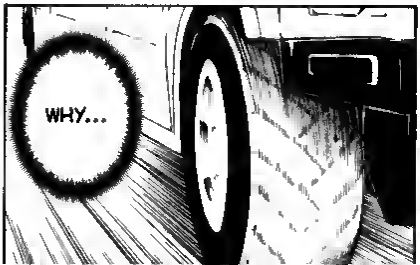
WHA...
HEH HEH!

AH~ I FEEL BETTER NOW!


NOW, IF YOU'VE LEARNED YOUR LESSON ...
...DON'T EVER SHOW YOUR FACE IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN.

NO...


WHY...

DAD!!
AAAAAH!

HOW DID THIS...
NOW ...
I'VE REALLY LOST EVERY-THING ...
BUT TO GO THIS FAR...
ACTING SO COCKY BEFORE...
IS IT MY FAULT..?

OHHHHHHHH!
EEEK!
!!
DA...
EVERYONE IS SAFE!
SOME-ONE CALL THE FIRE DEPART-MENT!
HE'S NOT HURT AT ALL
.....

AZU
...
MA
...
RINKA!
WAS IT THEM?
YOUR FACE...
DON'T DIE, PAOLO!
DAMNIT, FUCKING MAFIA...

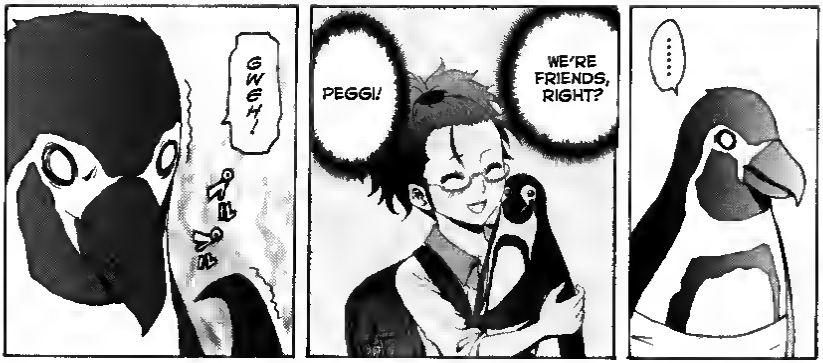
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON, PUNK!!

ARE YOU THAT CROW ASSHOLE?!
THINK IT'S FUN PLAYING HERO WITH MY DAUGHTER?!
LOOK AT US NOW!!

STOP IT... THIS IS NO TIME FOR THAT..!
GWEH!
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIX THIS!

BARMASTER.
BUT THESE ARE REAL THUGS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE?
MAYBE YOU SHOULD LET THE POLICE HANDLE IT...
WON'T DO ANY GOOD.
EH HEH HEH!
YOU GOT PROOF?
DOESN'T MEAN THEY'LL GET TAKEN IN...
...EVEN IF THE POLICE RAID THEIR HIDEOUT...
...THEY'D JUST FAINT IGNORANCE AND THAT'D BE THAT.
...THEY TOOK MURASAKI.
IF I CAN ONLY FIGURE OUT WHERE THEY'VE TAKEN HER...
...I COULD TELEPORT IN AND BRING HER BACK.
HOTO-KEDA...
I'M SURE THAT'S WHAT THEY CALLED HIM...
IF ONLY WE HAD THEIR NAMES OR SOMETHING TO GO OFF OF...

THE HOTOKEDA GROUP...
BASICALLY THE ONES WHO DO ALL THE DIRTY WORK FOR EDOYAMA...
I'M PRETTY SURE THEY HUNG OUT IN OOTSUKA...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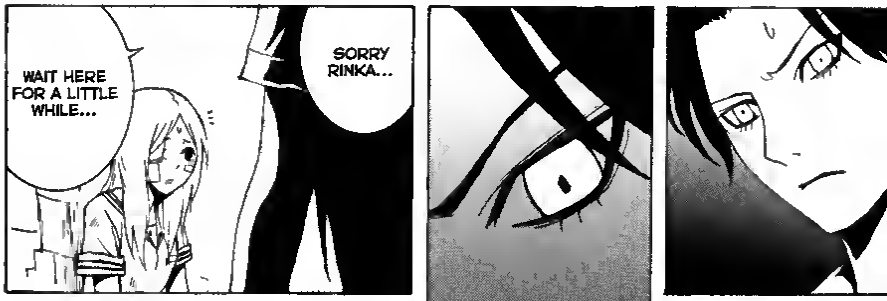
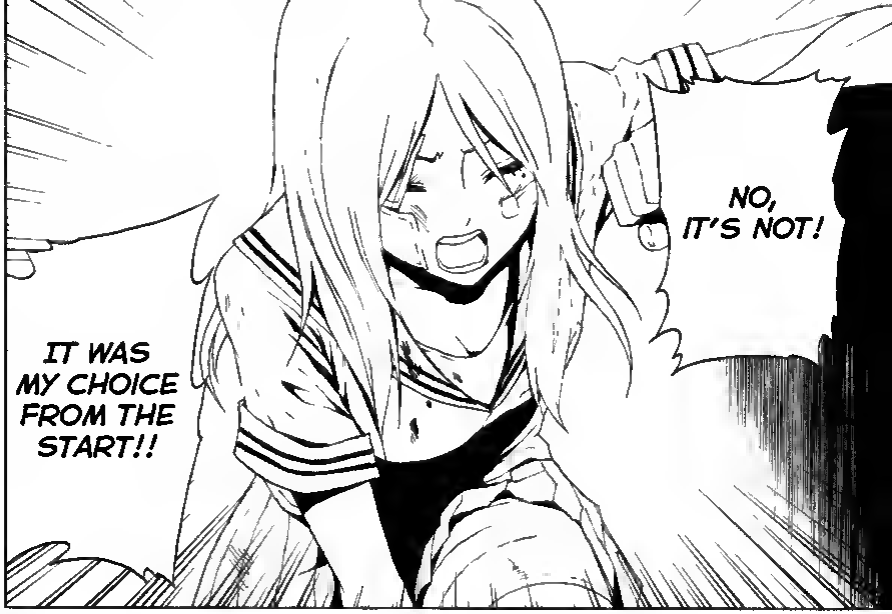
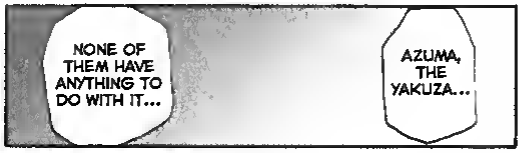

WAIT HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE...
SORRY RINKA...

I'LL GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU LATER, PROMISE.
AH!
WAIT AZUMA ..!
HE'S GONE ?!!

YOU HAVE A PULLED MUSCLE IN YOUR THIGH ..!
AND IT'S HIS FAULT ANYHOW THAT YOU'RE...
WHOA, DON'T MOVE RINKA!!
HE'S HORRIBLE IN A FIGHT ...
WHAT WILL HE DO IF HE GETS CAUGHT...
PEG!


NO, IT'S NOT!
IT WAS MY CHOICE FROM THE START!!


NONE OF THEM HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT...
AZUMA, THE YAKUZA...

...BECAUSE PEOPLE TREATED ME LIKE A HERO...
I THOUGHT I WAS SPECIAL...
I THOUGHT I WAS INVINCIBLE ...
I WAS A FOOL.

SHE WAS RIGHT THERE NEXT TO ME...
AND ...
I COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT THAT GIRL EITHER...
I'M A FAILURE...
I KNEW...
.....
I WAS NO ALLY OF JUSTICE OR ANY OF THAT...

OW!
LET ME GO!
NOW NOW~ IF YOU DON'T SHUT YOUR TRAP ...
...I'LL STRIP YOU AND DRUG YOU UP!
WAH!
WHO ARE THESE GIRLS...
WH ...
.....

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY FAMILY WE'RE TARGETING.
THE FAMILY OF THE LEADERS OF THE EDOYAMA GROUP, SAME AS YOU.
THE FACT THAT IT'S ONLY YOUNG GIRLS WAS MY PREFERENCE THOUGH.
AH- AHH !!
STOP IT!
I WOULD NOT GET ON MY BAD SIDE THOUGH~
...THOUGH THEY DID TELL ME TO KEEP MY HANDS OFF.
BY THE WAY, AGE MAKES NO DIF-FERENCE...
RINKA...
.....

RIGHT THEN...
I DID WHAT I CAME TO...
...AND THIS IS LAME, SO I'M OUT.
OH~ THAT'S A SHAME.
IT WAS JUST ABOUT TO GET FUN.
MERAYAMA, GO CHECK UP ON THE OOTSUKA OFFICE.
OK.
THE BOSS MIGHT HAVE SENT AN ASSAULT GROUP.
IF HE DID, KILL THEM ALL.
ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS AFTERALL. IT'LL HELP SPEED THINGS ALONG.
GOT IT.

HEY, BEFORE, THAT THING YOU MENTIONED AT THE BOSS' PLACE...
...ABOUT SELLING POWERS.
WAS THAT SOME KIND OF JOKE?
.....
NO. I'M VERY SERIOUS.
IT'LL BE BETTER MONEY THAN PUSHING DRUGS!
IF THEY'RE WILLING TO JOIN US...
I'LL EVEN SELL THEM TO THE DOGS OF THE POLICE OR POLITICIANS.
HUH?
HOW WOULD YOU DO THAT...
SIMPLE.
BY USING THE SOURCE OF IT ALL, THE SHINING FISH.

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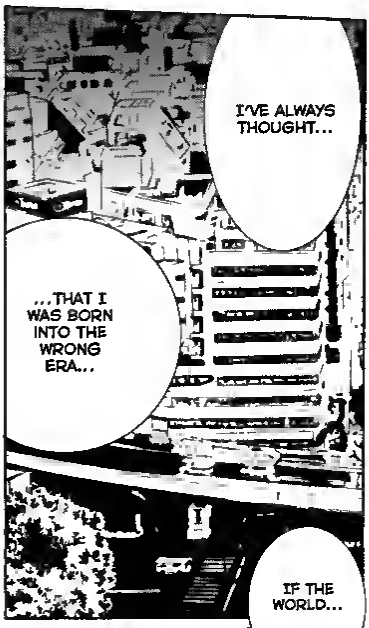
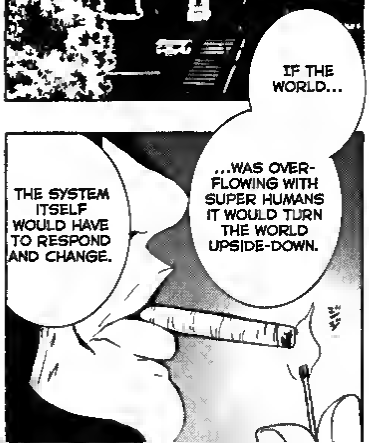

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT...
...THAT I WAS BORN INTO THE WRONG ERA...


IF THE WORLD...
...WAS OVER-FLOWING WITH SUPER HUMANS IT WOULD TURN THE WORLD UPSIDE-DOWN.
THE SYSTEM ITSELF WOULD HAVE TO RESPOND AND CHANGE.

WE'LL SELL THEM...
...WITH THE HELP OF OUR GUEST HERE...

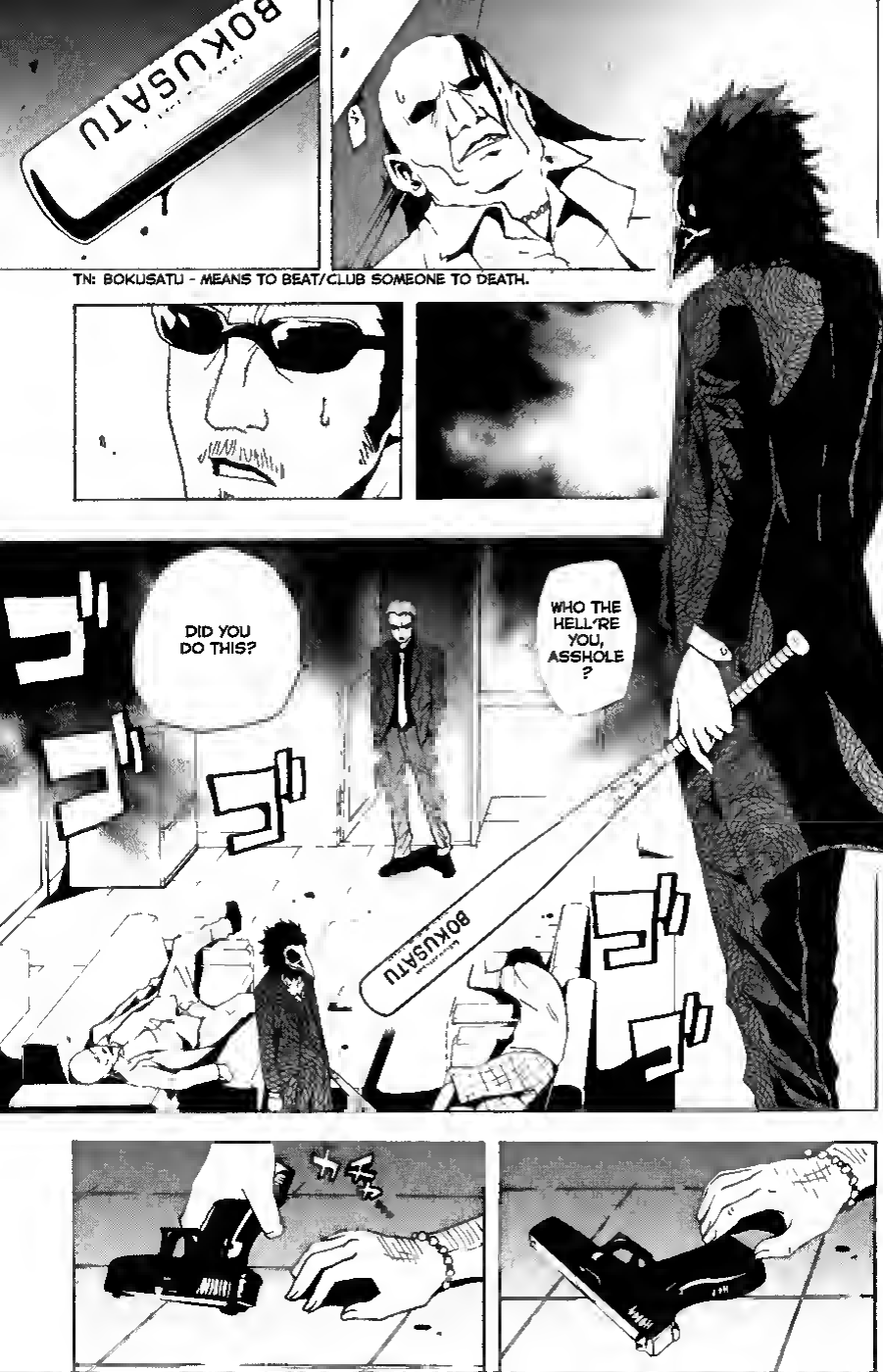
STRENGTH AS TRUE JUSTICE...
WE'LL BRING ABOUT ANOTHER SENGOKU ERA!
ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?

ONE COULD EVEN CALL IT ANOTHER RENAISSANCE.

AND WHO IS THAT ARMOR FREAK ANYHOW?

IS THIS FATASS FOR REAL ..?

THE AIR CONDITIONING IS BROKE IN THE OFFICE...
UGH~ SO DAMN HOT...
TOSHIMA WARD, OOTSUKA.
...HUH?


BOKUSATU
TN: BOKUSATU - MEANS TO BEAT/CLUB SOMEONE TO DEATH.
DID YOU DO THIS?
WHO THE HELL'RE YOU, ASSHOLE ?
BOKUSATU

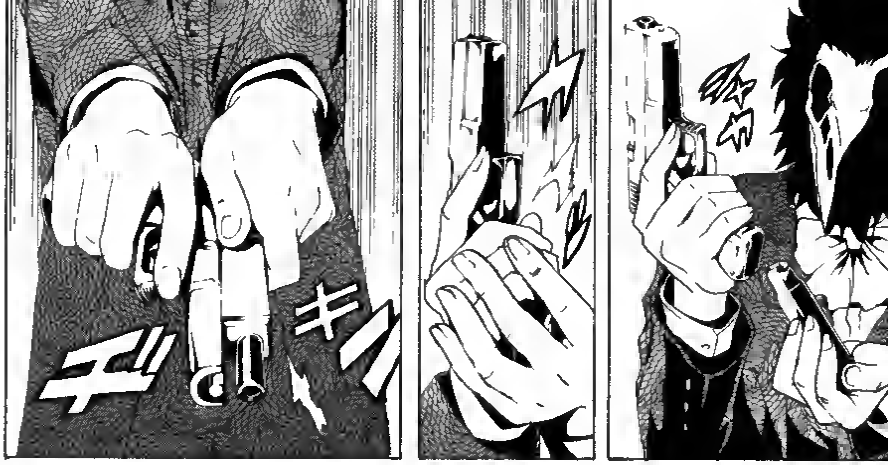
TELL ME...
...WHERE YOU'RE HOLDING THE KIDNAPPED GIRLS.

HMPH
YOU DON'T SOUND TOO OLD... HIDING BEHIND THAT RIDICULOUS MASK...

I WOULDN'T PICK UP GUNS LIKE THAT IF I WERE YOU.
YOU'LL BE THE ONLY ONE TO GET HURT.
NOT LIKE YOU'VE EVER HELD ONE BEFORE ANYHOW...

AH, I REMEMBER SEEING YOU ON TV NOW.
YOU'RE TOGETHER WITH THAT GIRL IN WHITE, RIGHT?

WE'LL GET REVENGE FOR PAOLO WITH THIS...
WHY DID HE HAVE TO DIE...
.....
ALL THE STREETS ARE BEING WATCHED TOO...
SOMEONE HAS TO TAKE OUT THE MAFIA.
EVEN THE TRADERS CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS...
ISN'T THERE...
...ANYWHERE LEFT FOR US TO BELONG TO?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I'LL TEACH YOU WHY YOU DON'T MESS WITH THE YAKUZA.
HEH.
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'LL ACTUALLY HIT ANYTHING.

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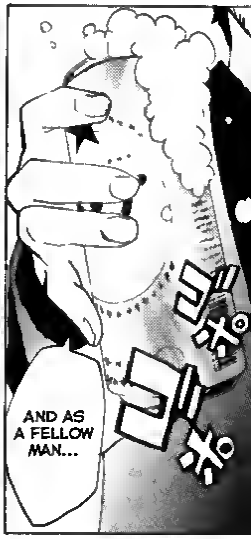
...DON'T EXPECT ME TO HOLD BACK!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AND AS A FELLOW MAN...

AAAAAH!
AWW~
WHAT'D YOU GET BLOWN AWAY WITH EVERYTHING ELSE?
SORRY... BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS...

I'M NOT...
...HOLDING BACK EITHER.

I'VE HATED...
GWAA-AAAH!!
BOKUSATU
...ASSHOLES LIKE YOU...
...SINCE I WAS A CHILD.
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SCENE 6 /// END

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DAMNIT!
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME!
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WAS IT A GAS LEAK?
A BOMB ?!
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AHH!
AHH!

SCENE 7 /// HEROINE UNDER ADVERSITY
GNAH!
A PER-SON ?!
HE REALLY FUCKING SHOT ME!
THERE'S NO WAY...
...I COULD'VE DODGED THAT!
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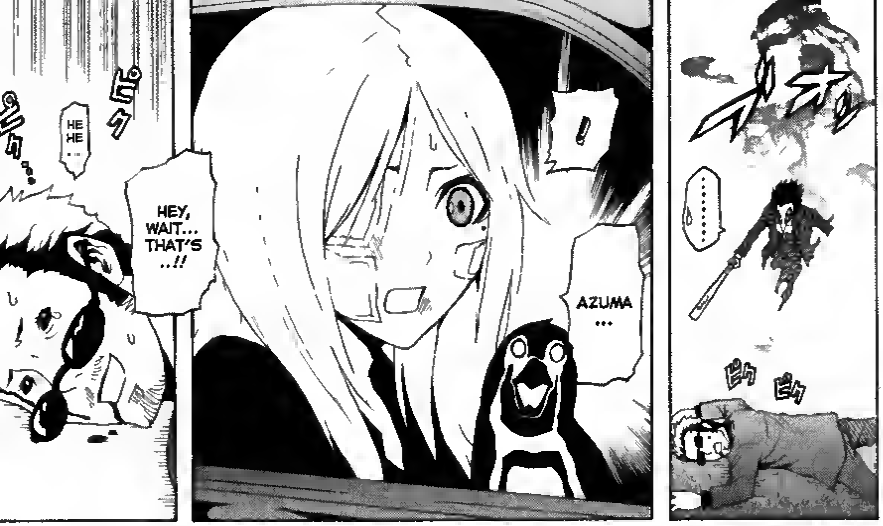
WAA-
AAA-
HHH
!!!
BWAH!

IS HE ALIVE?!
BAR-MASTER'S CAR
PEG!
H-HE FELL FROM THE SKY...

WHA
...
WHAT WAS THAT ?!



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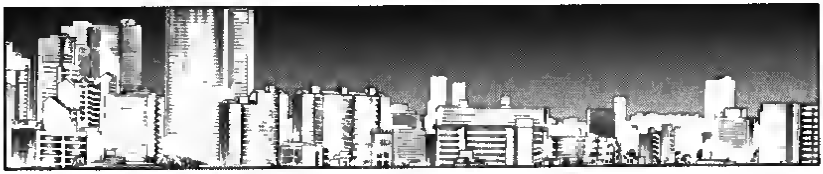

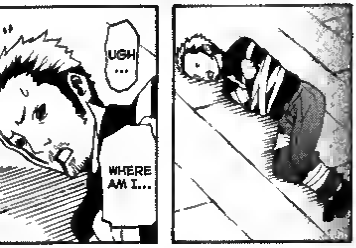

LONG TIME NO SEE, MERAYAMA!!
GEH!!
MR. WOLVERINE?!
POLICE NIGHT-STICK
GWEH!
IT'S URUSHIBA! DON'T CALL ME THAT!!
YOU'VE GOT SDME BALLS MESSING WITH MY DAUGHTER AND MY HOUSE ..!!
WHA...
HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
I GUESS... HE DID USED TO BE RUTHLESS POLICEMAN BEFORE...
DO THEY KNOW ONE ANOTHER ..?
UGWAH!
DIE, SHITHEAD!!

PANT
PANT
I'M FINE ...
BORROWED FROM THE BARMASTER
JUST THINKING ...
...ABOUT HOW MURASAKI IS IN THEIR HANDS RIGHT NOW ...
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO WAIT AT THE BAR...
ARE...
AREN'T YOU BURNING UP?
JUST THE IDEA OF IT...
...MAKES ME SICK TO MY STOMACH.
HIS LEG IS BLEEDING...
EEEK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU, AZUMA ...

THIS ISN'T LIKE YOU...
USING FORCE LIKE THAT...
I'M NOT REALLY ONE TO TALK EITHER THOUGH...
IT DEPENDS ON THE OPPONENT.
.....
YEAH...
.....
I KNOW...
IT'S TOO LATE TO WORRY OVER IT NOW...

NO...
PANT PANT
KWGH!
YOU GUYS HEAD BACK TO THE BAR.
YOU CAN LEAVE THE REST TO ME.
DON'T WORRY, I'LL MAKE HIM SPILL THEIR LOCATION.
LEND ME YOUR NIGHT-STICKS.
THOSE ONES I USED WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
YOU KEPT THEM AT THE BAR, RIGHT?
I CAN'T ...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IN THAT CONDITION?

GATHER THE WEAPONS!
AND THEY HAVE THE NERVE TO STEAL THE YOUNG MISS!
NOTHING BUT SMALL FRY...
DAM-NIT...
THAT BASTARD HOTOKEDA, DOING THAT TO US..!
WE CAN'T EVEN REACH HALF OF THE OTHER LEADERS!
WHAT'S OUR PLAN, BOSS...
CALM DOWN.
I'LL GO AND CHECK IT OUT ALONE FIRST.
FIND OUT WHERE THEY'RE HIDING.
WHA ..!
THAT'S CRAZY..!

IN ALL MY LONG YEARS IN THIS BUSINESS...
...THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN SUCH ABSURD STRENGTH...
IT DOESN'T EVEN SEEM HUMAN.
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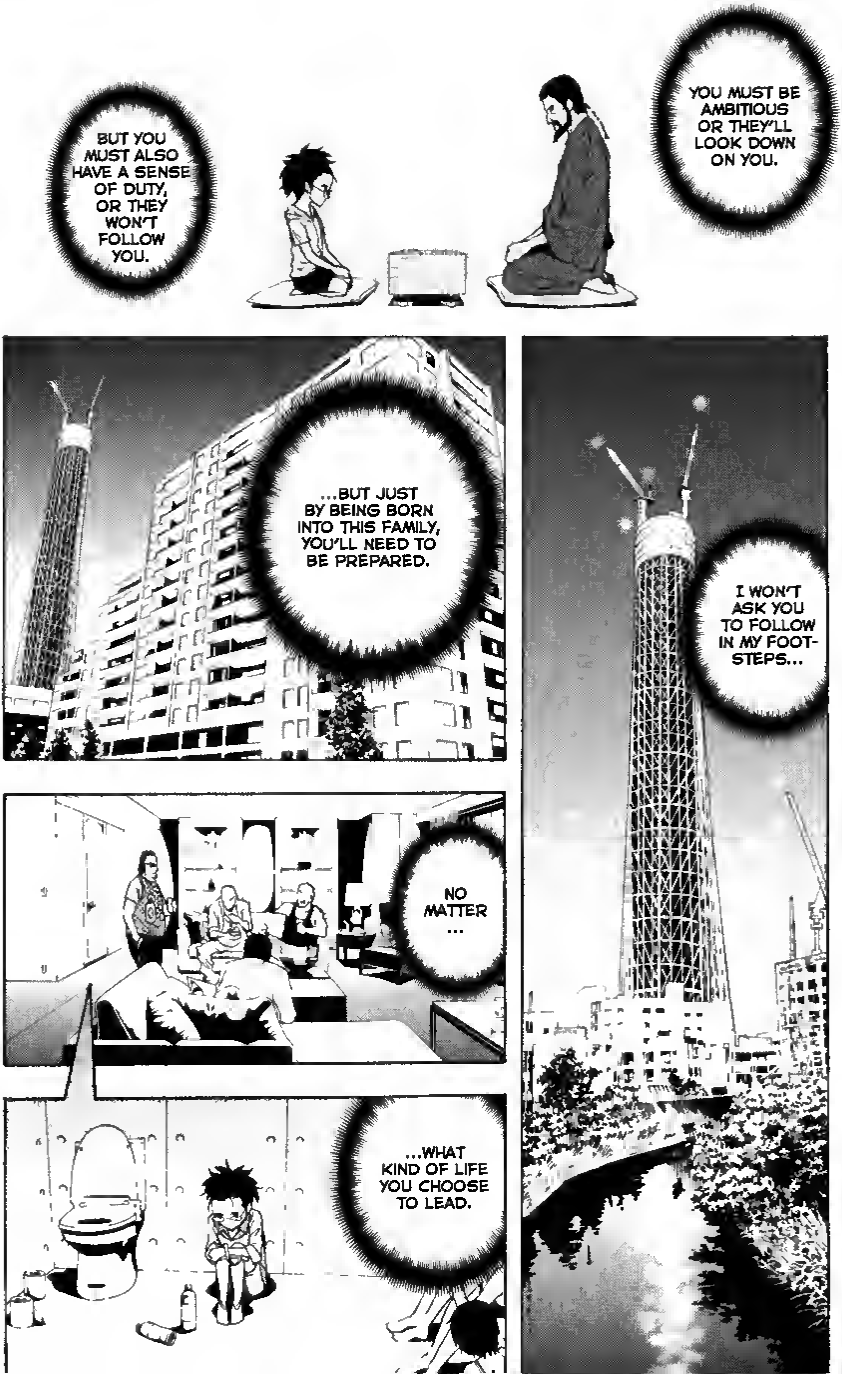
HOW-EVER ...
I'LL BE THE ONE TO SETTLE THIS.
THAT'S MY JOB AS BOSS.
MURA-SAKI ...
BOSS ...
I DON'T WANT ANY MORE DEATHS...


BUT YOU MUST ALSO HAVE A SENSE OF DUTY, OR THEY WON'T FOLLOW YOU.
YOU MUST BE AMBITIOUS OR THEY'LL LOOK DOWN ON YOU.
...BUT JUST BY BEING BORN INTO THIS FAMILY, YOU'LL NEED TO BE PREPARED.
I WON'T ASK YOU TO FOLLOW IN MY FOOT-STEPS...
NO MATTER ...
...WHAT KIND OF LIFE YOU CHOOSE TO LEAD.

YOU... AREN'T YOU THE DAUGHTER OF THE BOSS...
EH?!
GIVE ME YOUR CLOTHES!
IT'S YOUR DAD'S FAULT FOR NOT BEING STRICT ENOUGH THAT THIS HAS HAPPENED!
FATHER ...
IT'S NOT LIKE SHE CHOSE TO BE BORN INTO THAT FAMILY!
WHY DO I HAVE TO BE DRAGGED INTO THIS TOO?!
.....
WHAT ARE THE GUYS EVEN DOING OUT THERE ?!
AGH ...
HEY! STOP IT!!

I WANT TO TELL THEM...
MY VOICE ...
HELP IS ON IT'S WAY...

IN THESE KIND OF SITUATIONS ...
WHY IS IT ALWAYS ...

I WANT TO BE STRONG-ER.

I'M NOTHING BUT...
...A HELPLESS CHILD.

.....
YOU KNOW ...
IF YOU REALLY DO MASS SELL THOSE SHINING FISH...
...AND TURN THIS CITY INTO NOTHING BUT SUPER HUMANS ...
...DOES THAT FATASS REALLY BELIEVE HE HAS THE POWER...
...TO STAY ON TOP LIKE THIS?

OR PERHAPS, IN THIS AGE WHERE EVERYONE IS STRUGGLING TO MAKE ENDS MEET...
...HE'S JUST BECOMING DESPERATE...
...AND SEARCHING FOR A WAY OUT.
UNFORT-UNATELY...
.....
...I SUSPECT IT'S THE LATTER.
HIK!
HIK!

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ...
HUH?
...FOLLOWING THAT FATASS AROUND?
HEH. YOU DON'T SEEM TO CARE MUCH EITHER WAY.
WELL, AS A GUEST ...
I GUESS YOU WERE AN OUT-SIDER FROM THE START.
BUT JUST JUDGING FROM YOUR LOOKS ...
...YOU DON'T LOOK VERY RESPECT-ABLE EITHER.
COULDN'T GO IN A CON-VENIENCE STORE LIKE THAT

HOW DO YOU CATCH THOSE SHINING FISH?
WHAT IS THAT STONE ANYHOW?
...ARE THE FISH.
THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO KNOW...
BECAUSE THE ONES WHO DECIDE
OH?

A-A FISH?
HUH?
NO ONE ELSE SEES IT?!
!!
AAAHH
...

SO IT WAS THIS CLOSE BY...
GO BACK AND WAIT AT THE BAR.
I'M ONLY TELLING YOU ONE MORE TIME ...
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I'LL SAVE THE GIRL.
GUYS LIKE YOU WHO CAN BARELY EVEN STAND UP...
...WOULD ONLY GET IN THE WAY.

...LAY LOW AND WAIT FOR SOME KIND OF MIRACLE..?
YOU EXPECT ME TO JUST...
PANT
PANT
THERE ARE ESP USERS AMONG THEM TOO...
I CAN'T ...
...WILL BE ABLE TO RESCUE ANYONE...
...EVEN YOU...
AND I DOUBT...
AREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO TRAINED ME?!
THEN BELIEVE IN ME TOO...
BELIEVE IN ME.

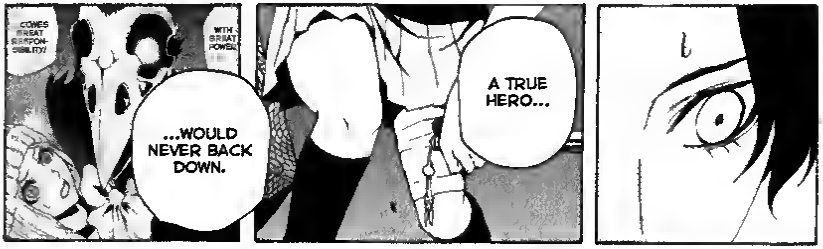
...AND DESTROYED MY LEG...
THEY MAY HAVE BURNED MY HOUSE DOWN...
PANT
PANT
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN...
...I'VE LOST EVERYTHING.

I SUPPOSE YOUR STUBBORN NATURE IS MY FAULT TOO THEN.
THERE YOU GO AGAIN...
.....
BUT EVEN SO...
I CAN'T WATCH YOU...
...HURT YOURSELF ANY FURTHER.
!!
SORRY AZUMA, BUT COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF HER FOR ME?
DON'T!

WHO DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?!
UWA-HHHH!!!

COU-GH!!
RINKA!
GWEH!
UGH!!
KUH ...
PANT
PANT
PLEASE, AZUMA...
...USE YOUR TELEPORT-ATION...
...TO TAKE ME TO THEIR HIDEOUT...

...WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY...
YOU SAID SO YOURSELF...
THAT'S CRAZY!
EVEN FOR YOU...


COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY
WITH GREAT POWER!
...WOULD NEVER BACK DOWN.
A TRUE HERO...

I WON'T LOSE THIS TIME.
I KNOW MY WEAKNESSES NOW...

...THEN WHAT WILL WE EVEN HAVE LEFT?
IF WE RUN AWAY NOW...

SO YOU'LL STOP SPOUTING OFF ABOUT JUSTICE OR WHATEVER IT WAS...
I'LL BREAK THAT SPIRIT OF YOURS DOWN TO IT'S VERY CORE...
LET'S...
SAVE HER...
TOGETHER!
KWEH!

...BUT WHEN DO YOU THINK HE'S GONNA GIVE US SOME POWERS TOO ..?
THE BOSS SAID TO START A WAR...
BRO...
...BUT FOR US, WHO ONLY REALLY KNOW HOW TO FIGHT...
WHO KNOWS ...
...TELLING US TO DESTROY TO OUR HEARTS DESIRE...
...IS SOMETHING WE'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF!

I'LL GO CHECK THE INSIDE...
WAIT HERE A SEC.
ALRIGHT.
TRY TO AVOID A FIGHT IF YOU CAN.
OKAY ...
IF THEY FIND US FIRST, WE'RE THROUGH ...
COMPARING OUR NUMBERS TO THEIRS...
TAKING THEM HEAD-ON IS JUST...
...WE'LL TELEPORT OUT, AND THAT'S THAT.
WHEN WE FIND MURASAKI ...
WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO IT, SAVING THE GIRL IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.

!!
SHE CAME THROUGH THE WINDOW..!
WHAT IS SHE..!!

RINKA!

DAGH!
BWAH!
KUH!

WHAT...
...WAS THAT..?
EH...
UGH...
PANT
PANT
IT'S A TECHNIQUE I LEARNED WHEN I WAS LITTLE CALLED...
...KALI.

KALI...
SOMETIMES CALLED ESKRIMA OR ARNIS.
A MARTIAL ART THAT BEGAN IN THE PHILIPPINES...
...THAT EVEN THE AMERICAN FBI HAVE ADOPTED.
HOWEVER, DEPENDING ON YOUR OPPONENT AND HOW YOU USE IT ...
...ONE WRONG SWING, CAN TURN A HERO OF JUSTICE...
...INTO NOTHING MORE THAN A VIOLENT RUFFIAN.
SUMIDA WARD - OSHIAGE.

SCENE 8 /// THE PITCH-BLACK WARRIOR

GWAH!

I WAS WONDERING WHAT ALL THE RACKET WAS...
OH?

BUT I NEVER IMAGINED THIS STRONG ...
DEH
SHE'S STRONG ...

A NORMAL PERSON WOULD HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED.
WHAT ARE YOU, SOME KIND OF MONSTER?
PANT
PANT

PANT
PANT
WHERE ARE THE MISSING GIRLS...

HM?
WHAT'S THIS? YOU CAME TO RESCUE THEM OR SOME-THING?
WELL, AREN'T WE JUST PRECIOUS.

...THAN PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU, LITTLE MISS BANDAGES ...

MY TRUE CALLING HAS ALWAYS BEEN THIEVING...
...AND I'VE FOUND SOMETHING MUCH MORE INTERESTING...

GO AHEAD AND TAKE THEM.
THEY'RE IN THE BACK ROOM...

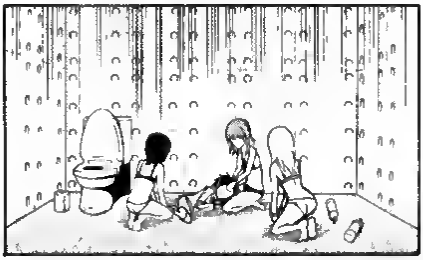
?

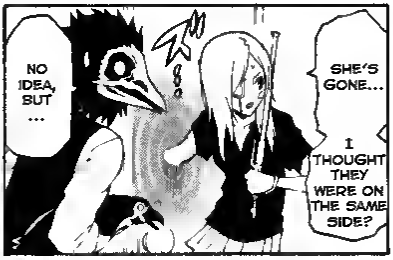
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

!?

HEH HEH.
I ONLY MOVE FOR THINGS THAT INTEREST ME.
THIS LITTLE GUY SEEMS LIKE IT'D SELL FOR A KING'S RANSOM.

WELL THEN, I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU~
WHAT ?!
I'LL BE TAKING THIS...




NO IDEA, BUT ...
SHE'S GONE...
I THOUGHT THEY WERE ON THE SAME SIDE?

AAAH-HHHH !!
SHE'S HERE! MURASAKI!!

PEH!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING ?!
WAAAHH!!
DAMN!
PEGGI!
GWEH!

UGH!
HE BENT IT?!
IT'S NO USE!
MY ENTIRE BODY IS COVERED WITH A PSYCHOKINESIS BARRIER!!
.....!!
IF YOU WANT TO DEFEAT ME, YOU BETTER BRING A NUCLEAR WARHEAD!!

AAA HHH !!
KWEH...
PEGAAAH!
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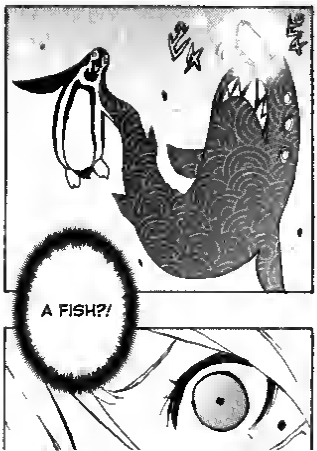
PEGGI...

WHAT?!

GWAAAHH!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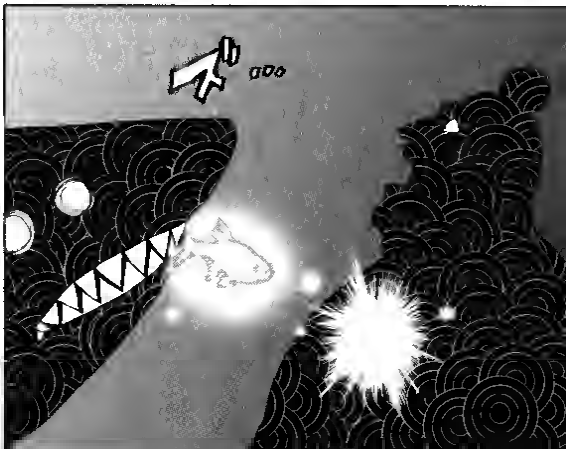

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PEH?
HE ATE IT?!
KWEH!
MHM ...

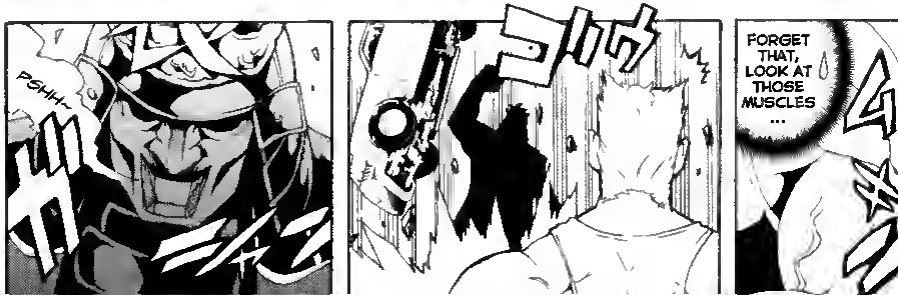
WHAT'D YOU DO TO ME..? JUST NOW ...
WAAH!
RINKA !!
!!
VANI-SHED ....
EEE ...

HE HE HE.
THIS IS ONE HELL OF A HAUL!
"THE STONE WHERE THE SHINING FISH RESIDE"...
EVEN GRANNY WON'T BE ABLE TO IGNORE SOMETHING AS RARE AS THIS!
WAIT THERE, LITTLE GIRL...
THAT STONE...
...IS TOO GOOD FOR YOU.
HUH?!
WHO ARE YOU..?!

HUH?!
THAT RINKA ...
DAMN ...
WAAH !!
A GIRL ?!
HMPH.
BASTARD... HE'S STRONG!

THAT OUTFIT...
HUH?
WOAH ?!
YOU OKAY, YOUNG LADY?
IS HE FRIENDS WITH THAT OTHER COS-PLAYER?!

I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON...
...BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE ANYTHING NORMAL...
WHA!
W-WHO'S THIS?!


PSHH
FORGET THAT, LOOK AT THOSE MUSCLES ...

GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO TAKE YOU ON...
WELL, AREN'T YOU A TOUGH FREAK...
WHOAA!
AZUMA, GET MURA-SAKI...
LITTLE ..!!
YOU ..!
!

SKULL SMASH-
ING PSY-
...
UGH ..!

...KICK
!!!
WHOA
!!

AAAHH!
HM?!
THIS IS...
I'M HERE TO RESCUE YOU, MURASAKI!!
DON'T TELL ME...
...I MISSED ALL THE ACTION..?!
PEH~

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HAS ANYONE CALLED THE POLICE?
THE GRO-UND IS...
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IT WAS SO LOUD...
AN ACCI-DENT?
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...I THINK SO...
I'M PRETTY MUCH...
...AT MY LIMIT TOO OVER HERE AS WELL...
OW...
DID I GET HIM..?

THANK GOD...
UGH
PANT PANT
SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE MADE IT OUT OKAY ...
YOU'RE AMAZING, YOU KNOW ...
BUT REALLY ...
BUT... WHY DID MY KICK EVEN AFFECT HIM ..?
JUST NOW...
...IT ALMOST LOOKED LIKE PEGGI...
...TOOK A SHINING FISH OUT OF HIM...

DAD?!
WAIT WHY IS SHE HERE?
ARE YOU OKAY, RINKA?!
DWAAH!

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HE'S ...
STILL STAND-ING?!
.....!
UGH ...
WHAT A MESS...
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO KEEP OUT OF IT...
MY MY...

THIS ISN'T WHAT WE AGREED UPON...
YOU NEVER SAID MY POWER COULD JUST...
...DIS-
I...
...WAS GOING TO TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY.
WE TOOK A CHANCE...
...WITH OUR PLAN TO SOW THE FISH...
...INTO YOUR GROUP...
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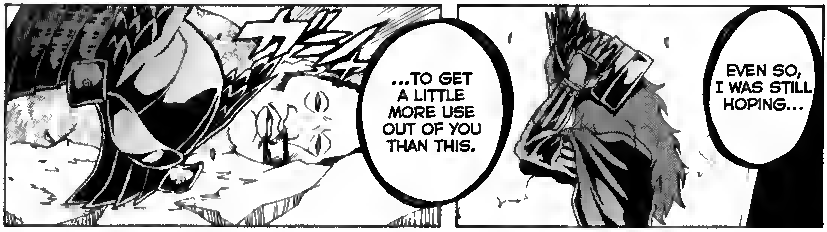
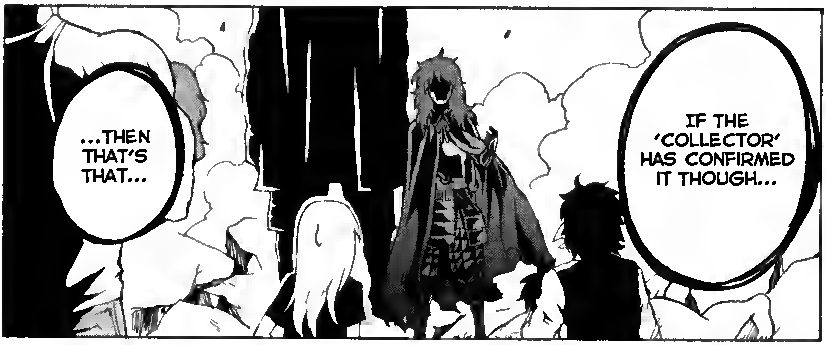
ALL THIS MEANS, IS...
...THAT YOU WERE AN UN-SUITABLE VESSEL.


EVEN SO, I WAS STILL HOPING...
...TO GET A LITTLE MORE USE OUT OF YOU THAN THIS.


IF THE 'COLLECTOR' HAS CONFIRMED IT THOUGH...
...THEN THAT'S THAT...

WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE?
WHAT ARE YOU GOING ON ABOUT..?

COLLECTOR?

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I COULD SAY MORE...
...BUT YOU WOULD FAIL TO UNDER-STAND.

.....

IF YOU'RE PREPARED TO THROW AWAY THAT CHEAP JUSTICE OF YOURS THEN...

FOR NOW, JUST YOUR AVERAGE...
...PEOPLE LOOKING FOR TROUBLE...

HUH...
A GIRL?
WHAT?
KYOU-
TAROU.
COME
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WHO... WHERE ...
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GRAAAAHH!!
YOU MUST CHOOSE FOR YOURSELF, KYOUTAROU ...
THIS WORLD WILL CHANGE BY OUR HANDS.
MONSTER?!
MUH-

GRAAH!
DWAHH!
AH!
WELL, EITHER WAY...
...DON'T BOTHER US AGAIN.

OR ELSE...
...I'LL END YOUR LIFE WITH THIS SWORD.
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WAIT ...
WHY ...
MINAMI!!

It's
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WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
WHAT...

WHY...
WHY LIKE THIS...

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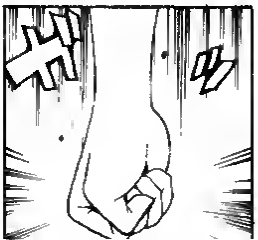

GOOD WORK TODAY, MINAMI.
NOW THE COPS SHOW UP...
AT LEAST SECURE THEIR MONEY...
...BEFORE THEY CONFISCATE IT...

KWGH...
WAKE UP, MURASAKI...
キィィィン!
BUT... WHY ARE ALL OF YOU HERE TOO?!
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT... JUST GET US OUT OF HERE PLEASE!
THEY STOLE BACK MY BIG HAUL...
DAMN IT...
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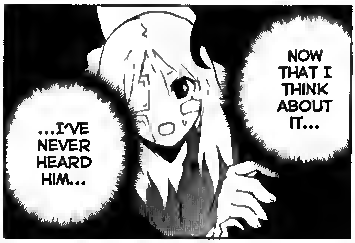
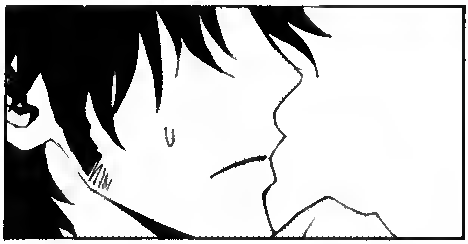
HEY!
WHO WAS THAT BITCH ?!
YOU FRIENDS WITH HER OR SOMETHING?!


NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
...I'VE NEVER HEARD HIM...



...TALK ABOUT HIS PAST...
AZUMA...

SCENE 8 /// END

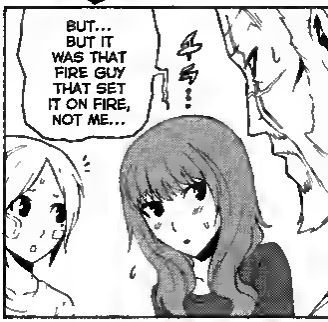
SEEMS THIS WASN'T JUST ANY STRUGGLE BETWEEN YAKUZA.
WE'VE DISCOVERED THROUGH OUR INVESTIGATION...
...THAT THERE'S TALK OF THE GANG STAYING HERE BEING INVOLVED IN THE BANK HEIST LAST MONTH.
AND, OF ALL THINGS ...
...EYE WITNESS REPORTS OF THOSE TWO FROM BEFORE ...

SCREWING ME UP LIKE THAT!!
THOSE BRATS!
DAMN!..
I'LL FUCKING KILL THEM !!

SCENE 9 /// THE LOST GIRL OF MEMORY
THREE DAYS SINCE OUR CONFLICT WITH THE YAKUZA.
SOMEHOW WE MADE IT OUT ALIVE.
EVEN WITH MY HOUSE BEING BURNT DOWN.
IF WE COUNT THE THINGS I HAVE LEFT.
AH ... JUST LOOKING AT IT IS DEPRESSING...
DGH!
WELL, I DON'T MIND YOU STAYING HERE FOR NOW...
...UNTIL YOU FIND A PLACE OF YOUR OWN..
AND SO...
THAT WOULD BE MY SCHOOL UNIFORM AND THE BIKE I HAD PARKED OUTSIDE.
THANK GOD!
A LITTLE BURNED BUT OTHER THAN THAT

NO, YOU'RE NOT!! WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?!
WHO'S FAULT DO YOU EVEN THINK IT IS THAT WE'RE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?!
RIVAL.
BUT WHO'S THIS GIRL.. A FRIEND OF YOURS?

BUT I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL I GET THE DETAILS FROM AZUMA ABOUT THAT WOMAN.
IF YOU WANT ME TO APOLOGIZE, I WILL...


BUT... BUT IT WAS THAT FIRE GUY THAT SET IT ON FIRE, NOT ME...
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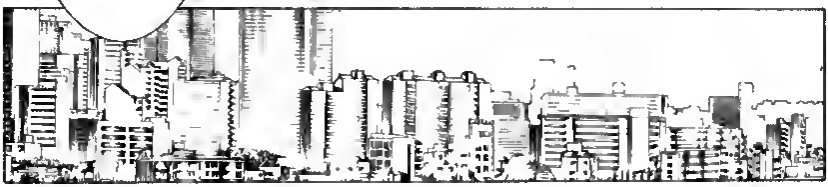
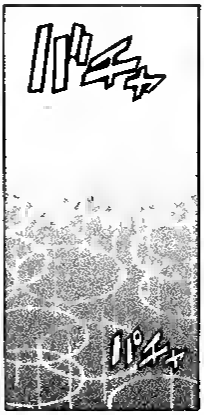
IT DID SEEM LIKE HE KNEW SOMETHING HE WASN'T SAYING...
HE JUST DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A WORD THAT DAY.
AAH!
HE HASN'T ANSWERED HIS PHONE SINCE THEN EITHER...
WELL... I CAN'T SAY I DON'T WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THAT MONSTER OF A GUY MYSELF...
RIGHT?
PEH!
PAT PAT
I'M JUST GLAD PEGGI HASN'T HAD ANY OTHER CHANGES SINCE THEN.
EH?
...BUT I ASKED ONE OF MY INVESTIGATOR FRIENDS...
...TO LOOK INTO AZUMA'S RECORDS FOR ME.
I DIDN'T WANT TO DO THIS...
ALSO, RINKA ...

THE RECORDS SAID THAT WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER...
...HE LOST HIS PARENTS WHEN HE WAS LIVING OVER-SEAS...
...AND WAS LEFT BEHIND IN THAT WARRING NATION.

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OPEN

ARE YOU KYOUTAROU?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ACTUALLY SURVIVED...
LET'S GO BACK TO JAPAN TOGETHER.
I WAS A FRIEND OF YOUR LATE PARENTS
THIS COUNTRY ...
...IS DONE FOR.

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THINK YOU'LL BE ABLE TO REMEMBER JAPANESE?
I ARRANGED FOR YOU TO GO TO A NEARBY MIDDLE SCHOOL...
...BUT I'LL OFTEN BE AWAY FROM HOME.
IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU NEED...
...JUST ASK MINAMI.

HEY, YOU REALLY LIVING TOGETHER WITH AZUMA MINAMI?
YO, FOREIGNER!
HEY, SAY SOMETHING!
YOU'VE GOTTA UNDERSTAND AT LEAST A LITTLE JAPANESE!
I HEARD HE WAS ADOPTED.
WHAT'S HER VOICE LIKE?
I BET YOU GUYS ALREADY DOIN' IT, RIGHT?
EH...
NO FAIR!! I WANNA HEAR!
.....
MINAMI HAS A NICE FACE, BUT SHE'S TOO DAMN CLOSED OFF.
I'VE NEVER HEARD HER TALK OUT OF CLASS.

I WON'T PICK ON YOU ANYMORE...
...IF YOU BRING MINAMI TO THE EQUIPMENT ROOM!
LET'S ALL HAVE A GO TOGETHER!
WE'LL BEAT YOU IF YOU GO BACK ON US!
WE WANT A TURN TOO, YOU KNOW...
HEY...

CAN YOU WALK..?
THIS CITY IS FULL OF PIGS LIKE THAT.
IT ONLY LOOKS PEACEFUL...
...PEOPLE ARE ALREADY RUINED BEFORE THEY EVEN SET FOOT INTO SOCIETY.

SCHOOL IS NOTHING MORE THAN A PIG PEN.
BUT... I HAVE NO WHERE ELSE I CAN GO EITHER...
THIS CITY...
...SHOULD JUST DIE OUT ALREADY.
...THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER HEARD YOUR VOICE...
THATS...
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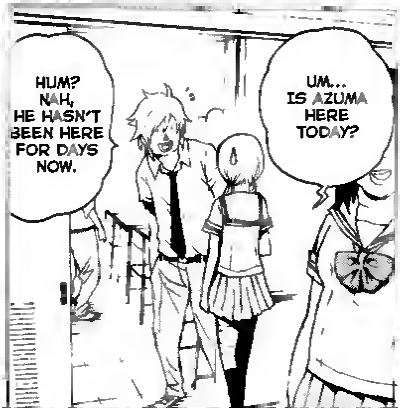
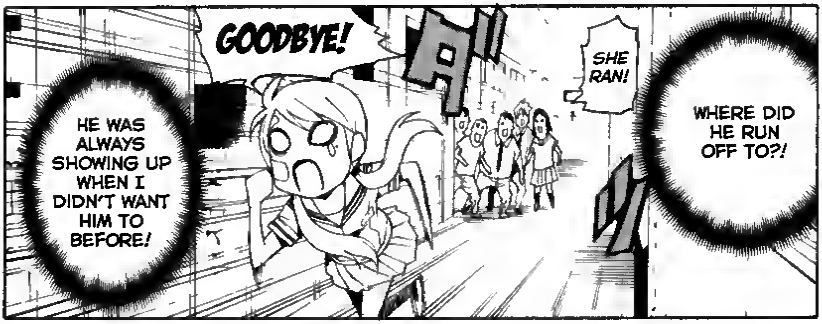
MINAMI...
WHERE ARE YOU ..?


HUM? NAH, HE HASN'T BEEN HERE FOR DAYS NOW.
UM... IS AZUMA HERE TODAY?

WHATS YOUR NAME?! IS THAT YOUR REAL HAIR?
ARE YOU HIS GIRL-FRIEND?!
EEEK!
UPPER-CLASSMEN ARE SCARY !!
ARGH, DAMN HIM!
A FRESH-MAN?! CUTE!!

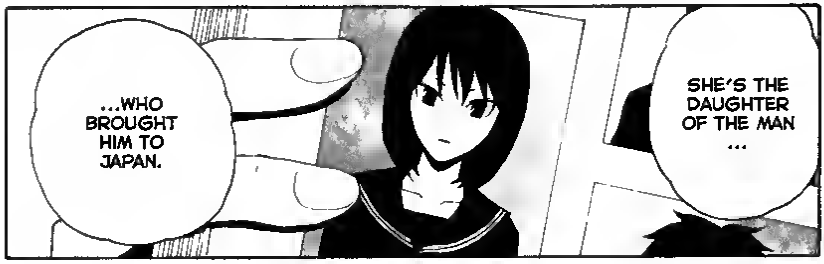

GOODBYE!
HE WAS ALWAYS SHOWING UP WHEN I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO BEFORE!
SHE RAN!
WHERE DID HE RUN OFF TO?!

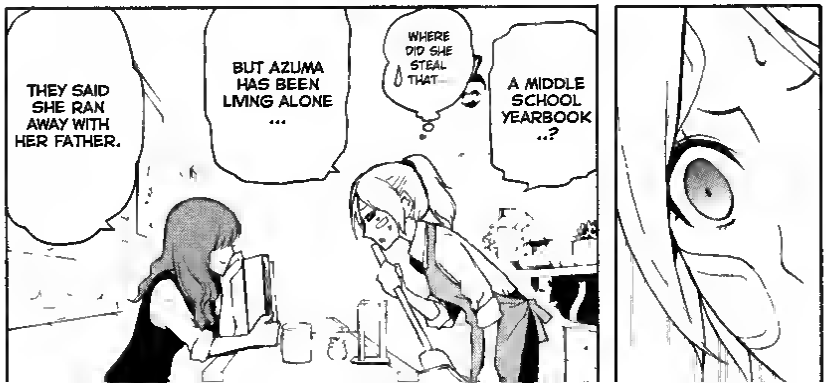
AAARGHH! I'M GONNA EXPLODE!!

AND IF HE HAD A GIRLFRIEND THIS WHOLE TIME, THAT JUST MAKES IT EVEN MORE STRANGE!!

YOU KNOW...
...YOU REALLY WORK A LOT FOR AN INJURED PERSON.
UWAH! WHY ARE YOU HERE TOO?!
UM... IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR AZUMA, HE ISN'T HERE...
LOOKS THAT WAY. OH WELL, I WAS PLANNING ON SHOWING YOU THIS ANYHOW.
ARE YOU OKAY..? DON'T YOU THINK MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE TAKEN OFF A BIT MORE TIME...
PLEASE LET ME WORK! I NEED THE MONEY FOR A NEW HOUSE!
PRINCE! ..?
AFTER WHAT MY PRINCE SAID THIS MORNING, I DECIDED TO LOOK INTO AZUMA'S PAST AGAIN, BUT WITH MY KIND OF METHODS.

I FIGURED ...
...SHE WAS AZUMA'S ADOPTED FAMILY.


...WHO BROUGHT HIM TO JAPAN.
SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE MAN ...


THEY SAID SHE RAN AWAY WITH HER FATHER.
BUT AZUMA HAS BEEN LIVING ALONE ...
WHERE DID SHE STEAL THAT
A MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK ..?

BUT THIS IS ONE SERIOUSLY SUSPICOUS FATHER AND DAUGHTER COUPLE.
ESPECIALLY THE FATHER, HIS DATA SEEMED LIKE IT WAS ERASED ON PURPOSE...
...AND NO MATTER HOW MUCH I DO SEARCH, I CAN'T FIND A THING ON HIM.

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
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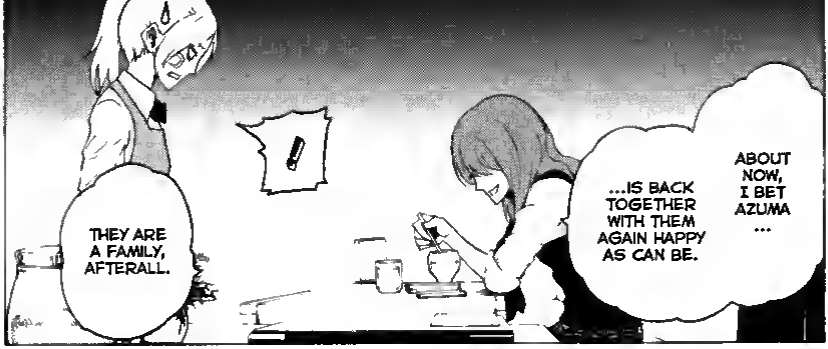
YOU CAN ALMOST TASTE THE DANGER IN THE AIR...
IT MEANS SOMETHING IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN.

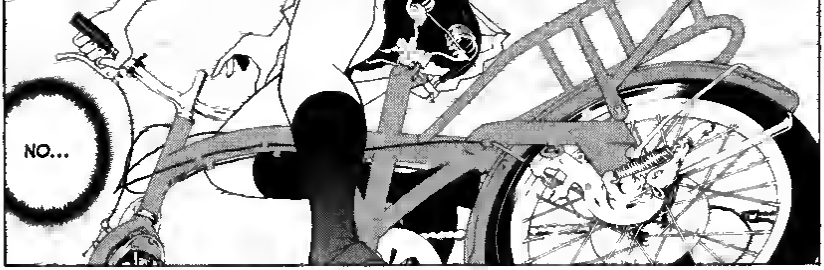

ABOUT NOW, I BET AZUMA ...
...IS BACK TOGETHER WITH THEM AGAIN HAPPY AS CAN BE.
THEY ARE A FAMILY, AFTERALL.

HE WOULD... NEVER JOIN WITH CRIMINALS AND KID-NAPPERS LIKE THAT...

IT CAN'T BE...

COME WITH ME, KYOU-TAROU.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?
WHAT DO YOU EVEN KNOW ABOUT HIM?
NOT TO MENTION HIS WHOLE HERO CRAP...
HOW IS THAT ANY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY'RE DOING?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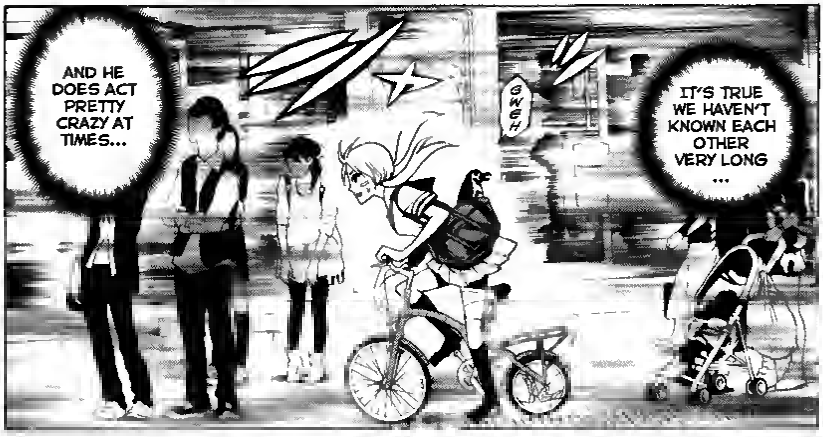

AND HE DOES ACT PRETTY CRAZY AT TIMES...
GWEH
IT'S TRUE WE HAVEN'T KNOWN EACH OTHER VERY LONG ...

WHERE DID HE GO...

...IS MAYBE SKY TREE.
THE ONLY PLACE I CAN THINK OF...

EVER SINCE THEN...
...YOU'VE BEEN MY HERO...

I WANT TO BORROW YOUR POWERS!

Sensou Temple

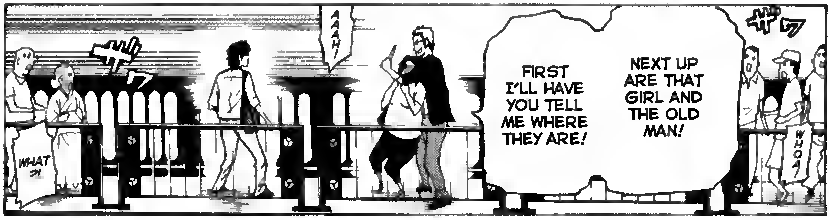
SIGH ~
I GUESS I NEED MORE CLUES IF I'M GOING TO FIND THEM ...
THERE'S NOT EVEN ANY GUARANTEE THEY'RE STILL IN THE CITY.

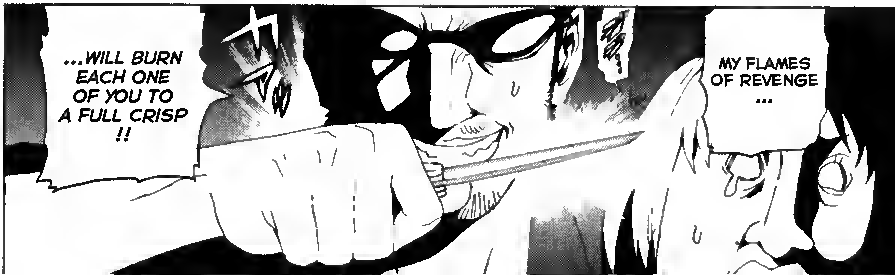
MINAMI IS A TELEPORTER TOO...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...

FINALLY FOUND YOU...

YOU'RE THAT CROW BASTARD, AREN'T YOU ?!
EEK ?!
I'LL MELT THIS OLD HAG IF YOU EVEN TRY TO TELEPORT!!

WHA ?!


AAH!
WHAT ?!
FIRST I'LL HAVE YOU TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE!
NEXT UP ARE THAT GIRL AND THE OLD MAN!
WHO?


...WILL BURN EACH ONE OF YOU TO A FULL CRISP !!
MY FLAMES OF REVENGE ...

ROAST
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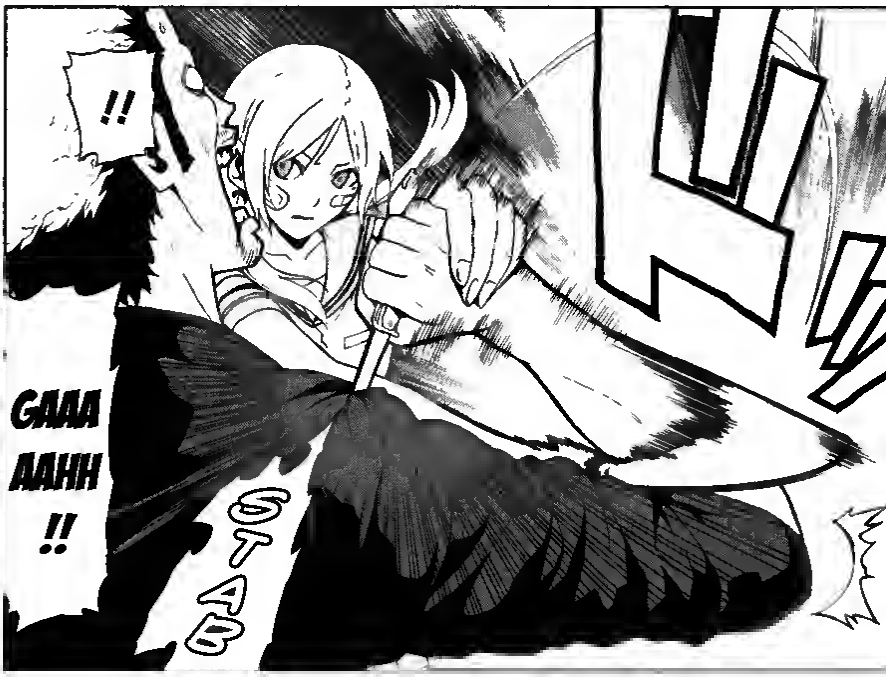
SO YOU WERE HERE AFTERALL ...
EVIL

BWAH!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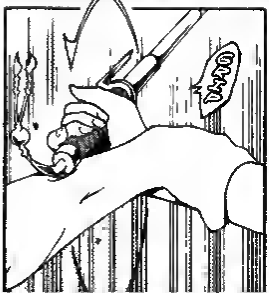
GAAA AAHH !!
STAB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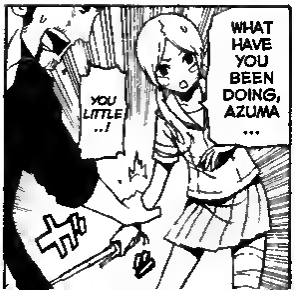
WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING, AZUMA ...
YOU LITTLE ..!

EEEK!
RINKA ..!

I WAS WORRIED LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU!
GUAH!

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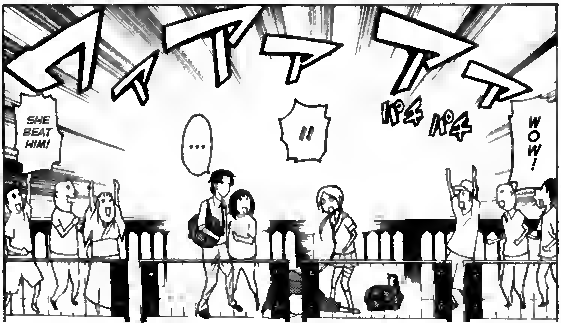
SHE BEAT HIM!
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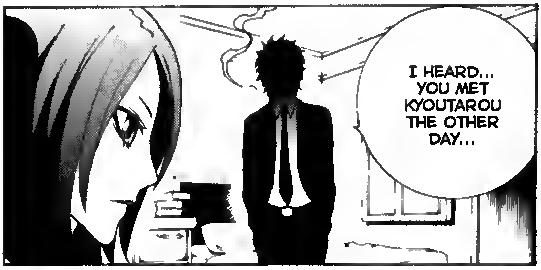
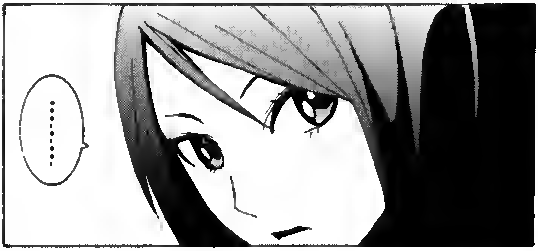
WOW!


I HEARD... YOU MET KYOUTAROU THE OTHER DAY...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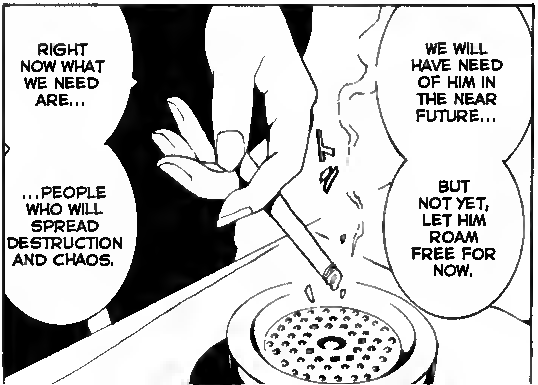
RIGHT NOW WHAT WE NEED ARE...
...PEOPLE WHO WILL SPREAD DESTRUCTION AND CHAOS.
WE WILL HAVE NEED OF HIM IN THE NEAR FUTURE...
BUT NOT YET, LET HIM ROAM FREE FOR NOW.

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EVERYTHING IS FOR THE SAKE OF OUR "WORLD WITHOUT WAR"...
I HAVEN'T SEEN HER FOR 2 YEARS NOW...
SHE'S BEEN MISSING ALONG WITH HER FATHER THIS WHOLE TIME.

...SHE WAS CRYING.
BUT... ...THE VERY LAST DAY THAT I DID SEE HER...

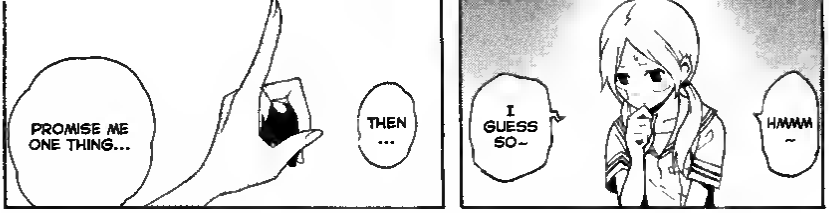
I'M NOT SURE WHY SHE WAS CRYING EVEN NOW.
SHE WAS ALWAYS PRETTY QUIET.
WE NORMALLY DIDN'T SAY MUCH TO EACH OTHER.
AND MAYBE SOMETHING...
...HAD ALREADY STARTED HAPPENING TWO YEARS AGO.

LIKE THAT HUGE MONSTER THE OTHER DAY ...
DISPITE ALL THE WITNESSES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE...
...AND ALL THE DISTRUCTION HE CAUSED, HE WASN'T CAPTURED ON ANY AREA SECURITY CAMERAS.
I'M SURE IT WAS JUST SOMEONE USING AN ILLUSION-LIKE ABILITY...
AND BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE SOMETHING THAT BIG COULD EVEN EXIST IN THE FIRST PLACE...
SOMETHING? AS IN ALL THIS ESP STUFF?
MOST LIKELY ...
SO I WANTED TO FIND HER...
...AND ASK HER ABOUT A FEW THINGS.
PROBABLY ONE OF THEIRS...
SHE WAS NEVER ONE TO DO BAD THINGS LIKE THIS...
THAT WAS ...ESP?!
BUT WHO COULD HAVE...

HIS FAMILY.
THE PEOPLE HE LIVED WITH...
...HE'D WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON...
WELL, OF COURSE ...
I'LL HELP YOU LOOK TOO.
THEN...
...SO FLUST-ERED...
BUT... I'M STILL ...
...WE'LL END UP RUNNING INTO HER ...
IF WE KEEP FOLLOWING THE BAD GUYS WITH ESP AND THE SHINING FISH LIKE WE ALWAYS HAVE...
I'M SURE...

I COULDN'T JUST...
...LET YOU FACE ALL THE DANGER ALONE LIKE THAT.

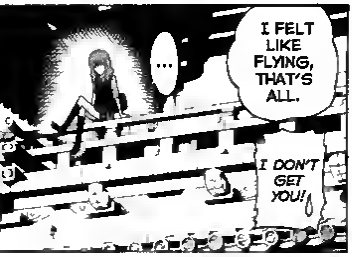
DOES THIS MEAN YOU'RE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING BEING A HERO WITH ME NOW?
MIRACLE!
WHAT
UH... ...?

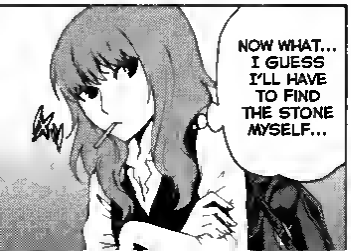


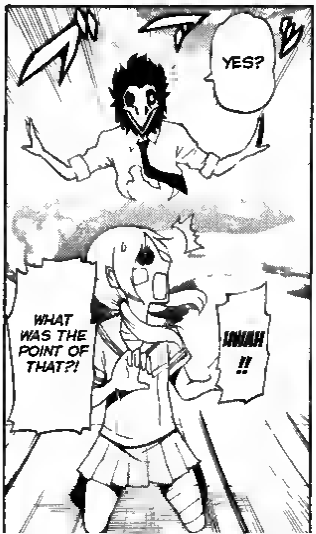
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM... OR HIS HEROES OF JUSTICE ANY BETTER THAN I EVER DID...

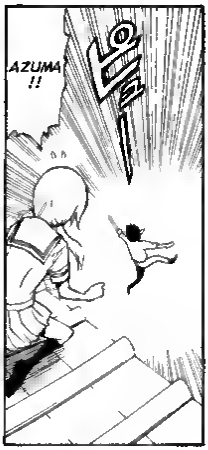
...BUT IF ANYTHING WERE TO HAPPEN... I COULDN'T PRETEND I DON'T CARE.

IT WORRIES ME LEAVING HIM ON HIS OWN TOO...









BUT HE WOULD JUST BREAK OUT AGAIN...
WE COULD GIVE HIM TO THE POLICE ...
LET'S SEE...
OH YEAH... WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH HIM?
KWEH
AH ..!
UGH ...
!!
PE ...
!!
Y-YOU GUYS! WHERE AM I?!
DWAAA AAAHH !!!
PEGAA!

PEH
NO WAY...
!?
ANOTHER FISH..?!
GYAH !!
MY FIRE...
MY FIRE IS GONE ...
WHAT ?!
HUH ..?

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PEH
GWEH?
CAN HE EAT ESP?
IT CAN'T BE...

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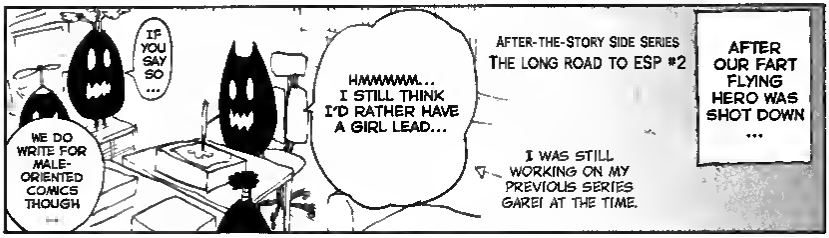
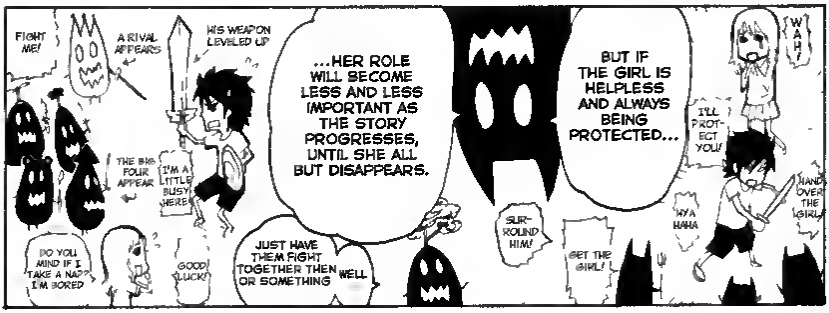
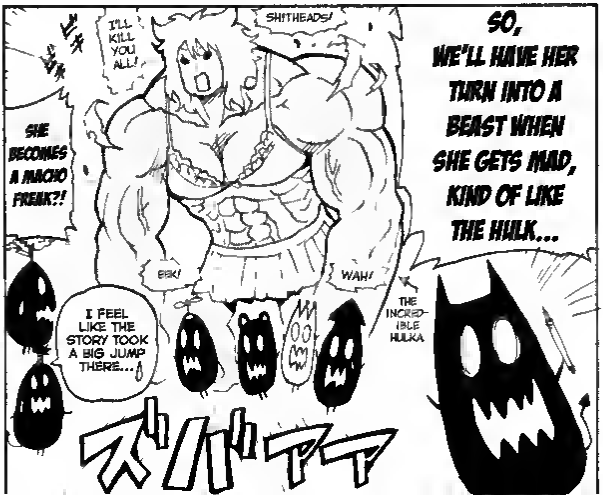
I'M A LITTLE RELIEVED WE COULD RELEASE VOLUME TWO WITHOUT ANY MISHAPS.
HELLO. IT'S ME, SEGAWA.

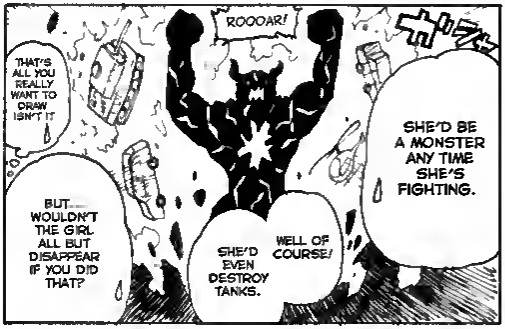

IF YOU SAY SO ...
WE DO WRITE FOR MALE-ORIENTED COMICS THOUGH
HMMMMM... I STILL THINK I'D RATHER HAVE A GIRL LEAD...
AFTER-THE-STORY SIDE SERIES
THE LONG ROAD TO ESP #2
I WAS STILL WORKING ON MY PREVIOUS SERIES GAREI AT THE TIME.
AFTER OUR FART FLYING HERO WAS SHOT DOWN ...

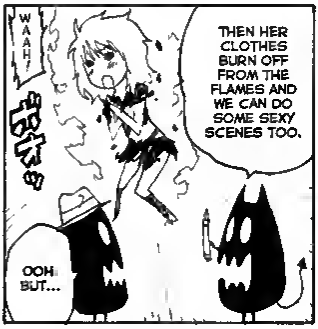

FIGHT ME!
A RIVAL APPEARS
HIS WEAPON LEVELED UP
THE BIG FOUR APPEAR
I'M A LITTLE BUSY HERE
DO YOU MIND IF I TAKE A NAP? I'M BORED
GOOD LUCK!
...HER ROLE WILL BECOME LESS AND LESS IMPORTANT AS THE STORY PROGRESSES, UNTIL SHE ALL BUT DISAPPEARS.
JUST HAVE THEM FIGHT TOGETHER THEN OR SOMETHING
WELL
BUT IF THE GIRL IS HELPLESS AND ALWAYS BEING PROTECTED...
SUR-ROUND HIM!
GET THE GIRL!
WAH!
I'LL PROT-ECT YOU!
HYA HAHA
HAND OVER THE GIRL!

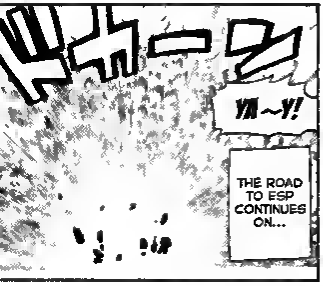
I DON'T THINK THE READERS WILL BE ABLE TO SINK THEIR TEETH INTO THAT~
MY OVERSEER STRIDES IN CASUALLY
GOOD WORK TODAY.
THEN WHAT IF IT WAS MORE ABILITY-ISH, LIKE...
YEAH, THAT'S TRUE ...

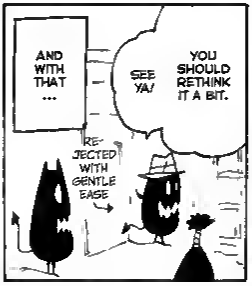

SHE BECOMES A MACHO FREAK?!
I'LL KILL YOU ALL!
SHITHEADS!
EEK!
WAH!
I FEEL LIKE THE STORY TOOK A BIG JUMP THERE...
THE INCREDIBLE HULKA
SO, WE'LL HAVE HER TURN INTO A BEAST WHEN SHE GETS MAD, KIND OF LIKE THE HULK...
ズバァア

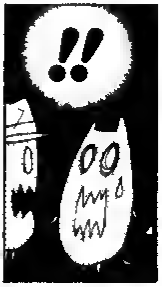
PRETTY FLASHY...
OH, THAT MIGHT BE KINDA COOL...
STOP THIS IT!
BURN IT ALL!
TOTALLY DESTROYING THE CITY...
SHE TURNS INTO A MAGMA DEMON WHEN SHE GETS MAD DUE TO HER PYROKINESIS!!
AND HER GUY FRIEND TRIES TO STOP HER!


ROOOAR!
THAT'S ALL YOU REALLY WANT TO DRAW, ISN'T IT?
BUT... WOULDN'T THE GIRL ALL BUT DISAPPEAR IF YOU DID THAT?
SHE'D EVEN DESTROY TANKS.
WELL OF COURSE!
SHE'D BE A MONSTER ANY TIME SHE'S FIGHTING.









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